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Rice Reserved For Canton

Canton, Nov. 25.—One hundred and ten thousand tons of rice have been earmarked for rationing in Kwantung and Canton next spring.

This information is reported to have been transmitted to the Kwantung Provincial Government by the Food Ministry in Nanking.

Transportation of this quota of rice is expected to begin soon.

Earlier, it was announced that the Kwantung Provincial Government had given permission for the export to Kwantung of 600,000 piculs of rice. Two hundred and twenty thousand piculs of the same commodity are also expected here from Hanoi.

At his press conference here last week-end Governor T. V. Soong said that there would be no question of a food shortage in Kwantung.—Reuter.

Thousands Seek To Join "Flying Tigers"

Pittsburgh, Nov. 24.—An unofficial movement to reorganise Maj. Gen. Claire Chennault's Flying Tigers and send them back to China is drawing "thousands" of volunteers, according to an officer of the 14th Air Force Association.

The plan received the endorsement of Chiang Kai-shek, but cannot be put into operation until the United States Government agrees to send aid to war-torn China, the executive Vice-President of the Association (Mr. William Arthur) said today. Pending the government's sponsorship, the Association is recruiting volunteers from all parts of the country.

Mr. Arthur, formerly a lieutenant-colonel, is heading the movement in place of the Association's President, General Casey Vincent, who is still in the service.

Gen. Chennault already has notified Mr. Arthur that he was willing to resume leadership of the Flying Tigers. Mr. Arthur said "thousands of veterans" were volunteering to return to duty. The organisation would comprise at least 200 pilots and 1,000 ground men and after "refresher" in the United States would move to the island of Formosa for training, then to operations in China. The men would fly P-51s and A-26s.—United Press.

EDITORIAL

Work Still To Be Done

MR Ernest Bevin did not invent the idea of the Western Union, but he was the first to use the phrase which has since become historic in meaning and achievement. The ultimate aim of political unity between Western European powers has long been a dream, but the problem of giving it practical content has never yet been solved. And, in fact, the definition of the phrase Western Union will not be complete until the task of achieving unity is itself complete. But some progress in this direction can be observed. One thing that Mr Bevin's speech did was to substitute a feeling of confidence and purpose for doubt and uncertainty, and simultaneously the various organs and activities of the Five Powers who signed the Brussels Treaty took on a new definition and significance. The principle of a widening pact was restated with force and the first content of Western Union was, in fact, the common settlement of questions of finance and trade and a drawing together for common defence. This in turn involved a common sense policy of creating a European Council which would not spend much time on debating its own constitution and casting about for items to include on its agenda, but should deal with what was on its plate already—just as the Brussels Powers dealt with what was on their plate in questions of exchange and defence. Such a policy will be taken a step further, as the meetings now sitting in Paris to consider and report on measures for securing greater unity between European coun-

tries. The British Government has shown that it is clearly concerned to see that whatever organisation is set up shall keep its feet firmly on the ground. The organisation must confine itself to immediate and practical issues. What is more it must be able to do something about these issues. Governments, fully recognised and able to act, must be represented on the organisation, and the people of the countries concerned will be represented through these governments. The organisation must be a responsible body—not a talking shop. But it must be emphasised that differences between this approach to Western Union and the Franco-Belgian proposals for a conference specifically concerned with forming a European Assembly do not make the two completely incompatible. It is a difference of emphasis. The Franco-Belgian approach places emphasis on parliamentary representation of people in a common European body. The need for such a body is not opposed by the British Government. But that Government obviously prefers to concentrate first of all on executive rather than deliberative or advisory functions. Without for one moment forgetting the importance of a spirit of European unity, without recognition of which Mr Bevin's proposal for Western Union could never have been made, it nevertheless concentrates on the application of that spirit to urgent practical issues. When Mr Bevin drew his first sketch of closer unity between European governments he did not do it simply because there was a profound spirit of solidarity which needed expression. He also did it because there was work to be done.

Reds Penetrate Deeply Along Pukow Rly

OFFSET NATIONALISTS' HSUCHOW SUCCESSES

Activity In North China

Shanghai, Nov. 25.—The Nationalists claimed additional successes at Hsueh-chow in pro-Government Chinese press reports reaching Shanghai today. But the same reports admitted the deepest penetration yet of the Red raiders along the Pukow railway.

Shun Pao, second largest paper in Shanghai, said that Communist harassers had ripped up sections of track so far below Pengpu that the railroad now is operating only as far north as Chuhsien, which is scarcely 25 miles from the Yangtze.

The despatch did not pinpoint the rail section destroyed but said the raid was carried out early on the morning of November 24 and that the tracks were still unrepaired.

The same paper said that the Nationalists under Generals Huang Wei and Li Yen-nien had swung north after recouping Suhsien which the Reds claimed to have captured on November 16. The despatch described this as a pincer movement "toward Hsueh-chow itself."

In North China heavy troop movements were reported along the Peiping-Tientsin railroad preventing regular civilian traffic between those two north China cities.

General Fu Tso-yi, Nationalist North China commander, reported that all Reds had been cleared from Tsinglungwan. If true this will lessen the danger to the southern half of the Peiping-Tientsin rail line.

Fu also reported Nationalists struck north from Tientsin in an attempt to link with another force moving south from the area east of Peiping.

At the same time Nationalist planes attacked Reds at Chihhsien and other points near Peiping in an action which appeared, as an effort to keep the enemy spread out.

Headquarters claimed that Nationalists in Suiyuan continued to expand their holdings around Kweihsai, provincial capital.

Forces were reported moving west toward the approaches to Pao-tow, western terminus of the Peiping-Suiyuan railroad.

Meanwhile a Nationalist armoured train was reported to have hit a mine on the Peiping Kalgan railroad.

way south of Nankou and 25 miles northward of Peiping. The number of casualties has not been disclosed. But Nationalists reported that repairs were being rushed.

AMERICAN ARMS
Associated Press' Spencer Moore reports from Peiping that current rumours "too strong to ignore" say that American arms from Japan are reaching North China.

General Fu's headquarters refused to comment on these reports, which have been taken as a possible indication they may be well founded.

Chiang Kai-shek is known to have agreed recently to direct shipments of arms to Fu's armies which need them badly.

Tungku, port of Tientsin, is the only point where shipments for North China could unload. A Chinwangtao is normally an alternative port but it has been cut off from rail communications with Tientsin since September 12.

The military position in north China is believed to have been one of the major subjects discussed in a recent conference at Tokyo between General Douglas MacArthur and Major General David Barr, head of JUSMAG in China.

EVACUATION

Other reports, widely scattered, said 10 Americans from Peiping are scheduled to go to Tsingtao aboard the United States naval LST sailing from Tientsin on November 28. Thirty-seven non-Americans will evacuate similarly including four stateless, three Belgians, 14 Spaniards, eight Britons, four Austrians, four Germans. Nearly all the Spaniards are priests.

In addition, 18 Americans, making 121 out of 674 registered with the Peiping American Consulate, have left or are leaving.

All but two or three missionaries have left Hanchow near Shanghai for evacuation at Shanghai. American missionaries and doctors also left Kiating and Waihsien.

The Reds were reported in the Chinese press at Peiping as having banned teaching of English in Mukden schools and colleges and ordered schools in Russian instead. Refugees in Peiping from Manchuria include Mrs Fan Hsueh-ching whose husband is now a prisoner of the Reds in the Harbin area. She told interviewers she and her husband left Chihhsien in disguise on November 15, the day the Reds completed conquest of the city. But on the way out they became separated. She returned to Chihhsien later and learned that her husband had been taken prisoner. She said that before the battle of Chihhsien was lost her husband tried suicide but was prevented by staff officers.—Associated Press.

HEAVY LOSSES

Nanking, Nov. 24.—A Defence Ministry communique today admitted indirectly that four-fifths of Nationalist Gen. Huang Po-tao's forces, about 80,000 men, have been knocked out of action by the Chinese Communists in the 13-day battle east of Nanking, 200 miles southwest of Nanking.

The communique said that one Nationalist Army broke through the Communist ring around Nienchuan, 33 miles east of Hsueh-chow, to join Gen. Chiu Chung-chuan's forces at a point 20 miles east of Hsueh-chow. It pointedly made no mention of the four other armies in Huang's group which, both government military sources and the Communists re-

ported had been trapped at Nienchuan.

Early reports from the Hsueh-chow front said that Gen. Huang had five armies totalling more than 100,000 men. The Communist radio broadcast claimed that all five government armies were "annihilated."

It predicted an early Communist victory at Hsueh-chow. Gen. Chow Chih-tao, commander of one of the government armies, was wounded at Nienchuan and removed by air to Nanking.

No new troop movements were reported in the Peiping-Tientsin area in North China. More than 100,000 Reds reached the banks of the Grand Canal, 45 miles southeast of Peiping yesterday.

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Extension Of Military Training

British Government Introduces Bill

London, Nov. 24.—Compulsory military training in Britain will be extended from 12 to 18 months by a Government Bill read formally in Parliament today.

It is understood that the decision to extend the length of service was the subject of heated criticism by some Members of the Parliamentary Labour Party at a private meeting earlier in the day and it is expected that a section of the Government's followers will express their disapproval when the Bill is debated in Parliament on the second reading.

The Government first clinched with a considerable margin of its support in the House of Commons the military service when it introduced last year the National Service Bill. The bill, timed to operate from January, 1949, prescribed a period of 18 months compulsory service.

When the Bill was debated in Parliament, 72 Labour Members voted against the Government, and a considerable number abstained from voting.

OPPOSITION INCENSED
The Government amended the Bill, reducing the compulsory service to a year, this producing a bitter onslaught from the Conservative Opposition, which charged the Government with subordinating national defence interest to party pressure.

The Bill introduced today will restore the period of 18 months' compulsory service but men called up will have their subsequent reserve period cut from six years to four.

In early autumn, when the international situation was tense and there were special demands for men for trouble centres like Malaya, the Government decided upon a temporary slowing down of the demobilisation of 100,000 men who would have left the colours in the last three months of the year.

The main criticism of the scheme for compulsory service for one year, only is that the period is too short to permit conscripts to be trained for use on distant stations.—Reuter.

Gib. To Have Legislature

London, Nov. 24.—The colony of Gibraltar, at present administered by a Governor aided by an Executive Council, is to have a Legislature as soon as the necessary constitutional instrument can be prepared, it was announced today.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr Arthur Creech Jones, told Parliament that the Legislature would consist of the Governor as President, three ex-officio Members, three Honorary Members and five unofficial elected Members.

The Constitution would contain provision for legislation commonly used in colonial constitutions, including reserving power to the Governor to pass into law any measure or expedient which, in his opinion, is in the interest of public order, good government or defence.

At present, the power of legislation is vested in the Governor, who is also General Officer Commanding the local garrison.—Reuter.

Marshall Remains Silent On Subject Of Aid For China

Washington, Nov. 24.—The Secretary of State, Mr George Marshall, disclosed on Wednesday that President Truman and he are still trying to decide what the United States can properly do to assist China in its present crisis.

Mr Marshall told a crowded news conference that the American Government is well aware that the situation in China, caused by the Southward sweep of the Chinese Communist armies, is critical. But, choosing his words slowly and deliberately, he said that it presents a difficult problem which has to be considered very carefully.

The problem, as he defined it, is to determine what this Government properly can do to be of real assistance in the present crisis.

One factor in this Government's consideration, he disclosed, is the involvement of the United States, which, he said, is already in effect in various parts of the world.

He did not spell out what he meant by this but other officials say privately that in giving aid to China anti-Communist forces, the United States must make certain that it is not assuming an almost unbearable burden for carrying on an indefinite "hot war" against the Communist forces.

KOO VISITS TRUMAN

Mr Marshall met the Press after holding his second foreign policy conference of the week with President Truman.

Another visitor to Mr Truman was the Chinese Ambassador, Dr Wellington Koo. The envoy said that as a result of his talk with the President he was "encouraged" in his hope for greater American aid for China.

Dr Koo told reporters that Mr Truman had displayed "a most sympathetic view" toward the Chinese situation.

Mr Marshall did not disclose what he and the President discussed but the White House earlier had announced they took up the China crisis along with other great international issues in their original meeting on Monday.

Scores of reporters crowded into the State Department conference room hopeful of some definite word on the American aid to China, and on whether Mr Marshall intends to remain much longer as Secretary of State.

Mr Marshall declined any comment on what he called his possible tenure of office.

For the most part, Mr Marshall brushed aside questions asked by reporters seeking amplification of his comments on China.—Associated Press.

FEARS FOR HIROTA'S DAUGHTERS

Tokyo, Nov. 24.—Friends of former Premier Koki Hirota, who is now awaiting execution with Tojo and five others as a result of Gen. MacArthur's final decision in upholding the war crimes tribunal sentences, are worried that Hirota's two daughters may commit suicide.

The daughters, Miyoko Hirota, 34, and Tokuyoko Hirota, 31, who never missed a day of the trial since it started on May 3, 1947 were severely shocked when they heard of Gen. MacArthur's decision because they believed their father's sentence would at least be commuted to life imprisonment.

The United Press learned that Tadashi Hamae, one of the defence attorneys for Hirota, advised the girls not to take any drastic action and the girls promised they would not.

The girls, residing in Kugenuma beach resort, 20 miles south of Tokyo, commuted daily to the tribunal. They had passes because their brother, 36-year-old Masao Hirota, was an assistant defence counsel and had priority claims to passes for attendants.—United Press.

ANOTHER NEW COMET

Bloemfontein, Nov. 24.—Another new comet—"1948-M"—has been spotted by the observatory at Maritzburg, South Africa. The comet, which is not visible to the naked eye, was photographed by a senior member of the observatory staff at 1 a.m. today slightly to the east of the large Cloud of Magellan.—Reuter.

H.K. Couple Stranded On The Queen Elizabeth

(OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Nov. 24.—Held up on the Queen Elizabeth at Southampton by the strike of the New York dockers are Mr Fung Hon-chu of Messrs Li and Fung, importers and exporters, and his wife of Hongkong.

I spoke to Mr Fung today by telephone from London. He was in his cabin on the ship after spending the morning in Southampton. "They are treating us exceedingly well," he told me, "but I am getting a little impatient now. My wife and I have a three-year-old son and an 18-month-old daughter in Hongkong whom we have not seen for a year. "We want to get home and spend Christmas with them."

Mr Fung and his wife left Hongkong in January on a world business tour and have since been to America, the West Indies, South America, Britain, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Poland, Belgium, Switzerland and France.

They are now on their way to America to catch a plane for Hongkong.

If the Queen Elizabeth doesn't sail soon they may fly to the United States to make sure of being home for Christmas.

DEPARTURE DELAYED

Southampton, Nov. 24.—The departure for New York of the 83,000-ton transatlantic liner, the Queen Elizabeth, was again postponed today for at least another 24 hours because of the New York dockers' strike.

Earlier it had been hoped that the liner would sail this afternoon. A decision was expected today on the disembarkation of the 1,400 passengers, whose presence on board since last Friday had cost the Cunard White Star Line \$5,000 a day.—Reuter.

Pilots Killed In Take-Off Crash

Shanghai, Nov. 25.—Two Chinese military pilots were killed and a pair of American-built P-51 fighters completely destroyed in a take-off accident at Hsueh-chow Airport on Wednesday, according to airline fliers returning here.

The two fighters were taking off in formation when one of them, which was carrying a bomb in its bay, veered off the runway and detonated its load accidentally.

Eye-witnesses said the bomb blew up the uncontrollable P-51 and its companion plane. Following the explosion and fire, only scattered bits of wreckage could be found of the disintegrated fighters.

Both pilots were killed instantaneously.—Reuter.

Scrupulous Cleanliness the Most Important Beauty Chore



Bath salts are a "must" for the fastidious bather.

By HELEN FOLLETT

TIME was when the long-nosed critter had a good deal to say about beautifying, and not in its favour. It made for vanity, they claimed. It makes for self-respect and poise, and every woman knows it. If you can't improve upon the appearance of the woman in the looking glass, as you see her when you arise in the morning, you just aren't as smart as you should be. If nature made every woman beautiful, we wouldn't have to improve upon nature. As it is, Pinin Jano does not suffer from low spirals.

The biggest, most important part of good looks chore is keeping scrupulously clean. The daily bath is a must. It imparts the crisp-as-lettuce look and it gives freshness to the complexion. Considering how many delightful bath cosmetics can be found on counters, it makes the duty a real joy. Lovely, fragrant little tablets to soften the water. Refreshing tonic lotions for an after-the-bath rub down. Or, if one

profers, a dusting powder that will impart a sweet odour that will remain with one all the day long. Don't forget the need of a bath brush that will scour away dead skin scales. It is to these scales that the chemicals deposited by the sweat glands cling. Don't economise when buying a brush; the best you can afford is the soundest investment.

To play safe against the baneful B O you will need a deodorant or deodorant. These toiletries come in various forms—creams, powders, lotions. Be sure to read directions because the correct method of application is important. Closing the pores in the armpits will do no harm, in any way, as your family doc will tell you. There are thousands of pores to be directed to these other channels. The daily bath looks as fresh as a daisy. Whether she is a tub or a shower fan does not matter.

BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

Mrs. Cuckoo Needed a Rest

—She Was Tired of Popping Out The Door—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, were quite alarmed when they entered the playroom, to find Mrs. Cuckoo, sitting in front of her open door and looking as if she had nothing whatever to do. The fact of the matter was that she had nothing whatever to do.

Mrs. Cuckoo lived inside the cuckoo clock that hung on the playroom wall, just over the mantelpiece. She took care of the clock, calling out all the hours, day and night.

Mrs. Cuckoo had nothing to do now because the clock had stopped. "Oh, what a terrible thing to happen!" exclaimed Hanid to Mrs. Cuckoo. "I hope you aren't too upset."

"Upset? Not at all, my dear." "But your clock is stopped," said Knarf.

"Of course! That gives me a bit of a rest. I don't mind the clock stopping now and then. It gets a little tiring to have to keep popping out every hour to tell the people the time, especially all night when they're asleep anyway. Father forgot to wind it today, that's all."

Knarf wanted to know what would happen if all the clocks stopped. "Would that mean there wouldn't be any time?" he asked.

Mrs. Cuckoo chuckled. "Clocks only tell the time. They don't make it."

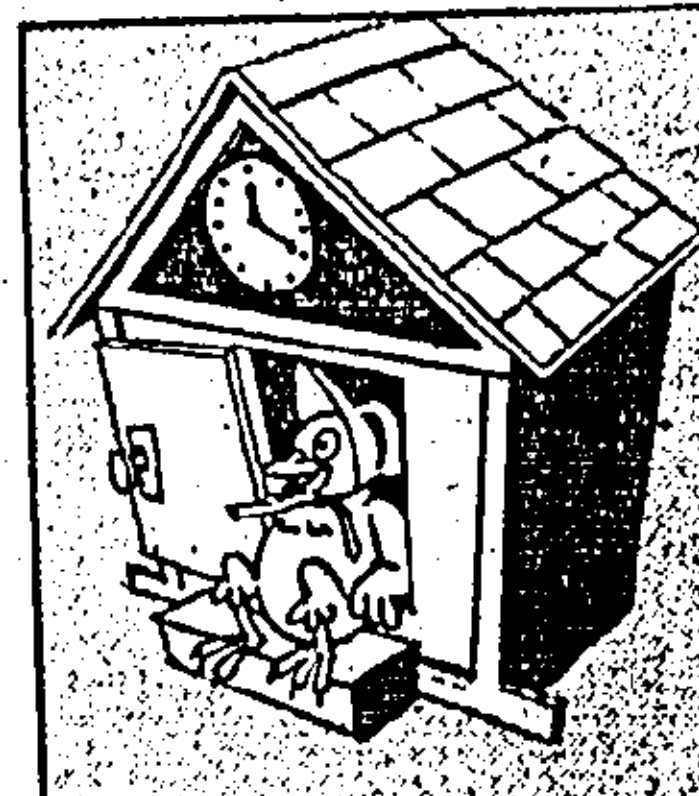
"If clocks don't make the time," said Hanid, sounding puzzled, "what does?"

"Well," said Mrs. Cuckoo, "that's hard to say. Nothing makes Time. Time just happens. I mean, it's always happening—even right now, even with my clock stopped."

"Did people always have clocks?" asked Hanid.

"They didn't always have clocks like they have now," replied Mrs. Cuckoo. "But there was always one clock that everyone always had. We still have it today, you added. It doesn't strike the hours. It doesn't go tick-tock. But it's a clock just the same."

Knarf and Hanid both asked what clock Mrs. Cuckoo meant.



Mrs. Cuckoo sat in her doorway.

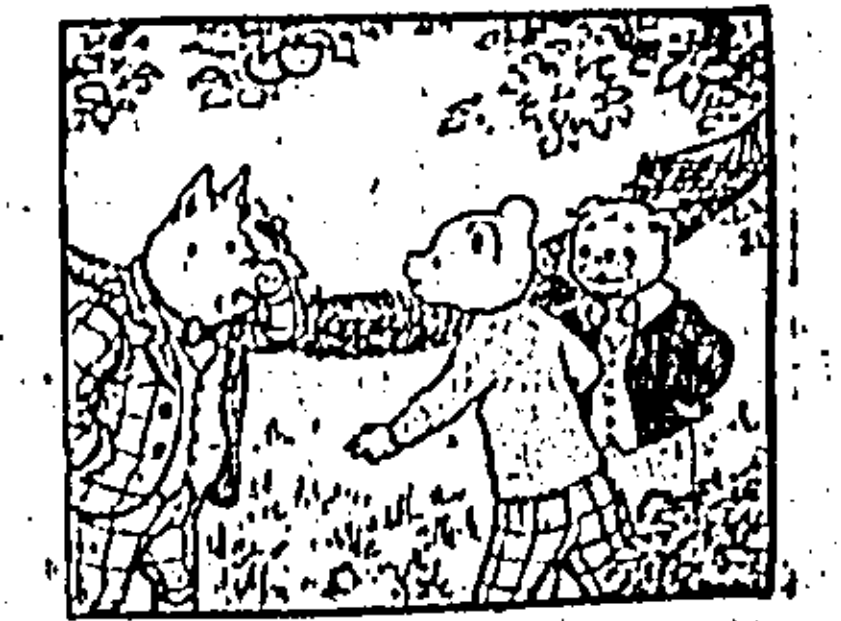
"The sun," she said. "The sun is really a wonderful clock. Just think of all the different kinds of time it tells you just by looking at it."

"For instance," she said. "The sun tells you day and night time. It tells you summer time and winter time, spring time and autumn time. When it's straight overhead, it tells you it's twelve o'clock. Noon. Long ago, people made sun-dials to stand out in their gardens."

Hanid said she had once seen a sundial. "It has a face like a clock," she said, "with something in the middle that casts a shadow. Wherever the shadow falls, that's the time."

"So you see," Mrs. Cuckoo said, "even though all the clocks in the world would stop, Time would still go on, and you'd still be able to tell what time it was from the sun. That's why I don't mind that my clock is stopped. Tomorrow, when Father starts the clock again, I'll still be telling the time as usual."

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When Rupert and Aley have told their story to Mrs. Beat, they run off to tell it to Podgy. The little pig stares at them for a moment, then he says, "I'm glad I wasn't with you. I could never have squeezed into that cave. Anyway, hammoths are not made for sailing boats, they're only for lying in during this awful hot weather, and that's just what I'm going to do." And with much grunting he climbs up and is soon fast asleep again.

THIS END: ALL RIGHTS RESERVED. Another exciting adventure tomorrow.

WOMANSENSE

Figure Flatterer



By GRACE THORNCLIFFE

FLATTERING TO the figure is this daytime dress. The modified turtle-neck is of velvet with velvet ball fringe. Velvet is set in strategically at the waist for a minimising effect. Along the top of the insets the ball fringe is repeated. The bodice is softly draped from the shoulder to the waist seam. The skirt has unpressed pleats from the waist. A dark green crepe fabric is used with velvet to tone.

The Simple Rule Of Three . . .

YOU can do real tricks of magic with your mouth if you will just take a few extra minutes—and follow the Rule of Three!

First; never moisten the lips before applying lipstick. If you do, your lipstick will "slide."

Second; for definite, firm outline, apply lipstick freely, then use a brush to paint in your mouth line.

Third; follow the contour of your own mouth. Do not go above or below the actual line unless you are a professional. You can fade out your lipstick at the corners if you have a large, wide mouth. And you can accent the corners if you have a tiny mouth.

Deep lipstick shades are flattering to the wide mouth. Choose the soft shade if you have a "pretty little mouth."

For the older woman, Reds with a hint of Blue or Purple undertone, are most flattering.

For the very young, the gay brilliant Reds are the choice.

And one rule to follow, a rule set apart, is always to blot surplus lipstick on a folded tissue. Place the tissue between the lips and press the lips lightly against it. This evens up any rough edges.

If the lips are very dry use a white pomade before putting on your lipstick. And a light layer of powder over the coloured lipstick is a good trick, too. It protects and gives a pretty sheen.

Always match your rouge to your lipstick. If in doubt then use your lipstick as cheek rouge. Three little dots, then smooth and blend. Then you will be sure of perfect makeup harmony.

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Interior Decoration Can Be A Fine Pastime

By ELEANOR ROSS

DOLLAR conscious decorating is the timely theme of a most interesting model room display introduced by a famous metropolitan store. Knowing how too many so-called budget showings go in for custom-made furniture and all kinds of costly items, these decorators have relied on fabric, and colour for appeal, with the furniture, mainly traditional, taken from ordinary stock. It is amazing how a smart handling of colour and a clever choice of fabrics can give a room done in ordinary pieces of the traditional type, a smart, alive, contemporary air.

Harmony Of Colours
In the large living room the walls are olive green with one long wall done in a deeper green. A stepped back niche is in light olive and this tone has been continued into the circular bedroom that opens off the living room. Accent colours take their cue from a drapery fabric showing an all-over green key design in brown on white with scattered florals in red and green. The Chinese green and red are used for upholstered pieces.

Not exactly budget priced, but still a good idea since it could be copied by a handy soul, is a huge three-panel screen in antique white with floral decoration that reveals a television set when the centre panel is folded back.

Deep Chinese blue is used for the walls of a small library or den, with green for the bookshelves and for occasional trim, all colours represented in a painting of a Chinese mandarin. Chippendale type furniture and upholstered chairs done in a Chinese scenic chintz and a stripe, repeat the wall colours.

Wall paper covers the walls of a pleasant little oval dining room, a stylised paper in which a floral pattern in grays and soft brick reds predominate, with doors and ceiling painted in matching red tones.

Colour, too, is the predominant note in the circular bedroom with its light olive green walls. Draperies are floral chintz with a background of soft cocoa brown. The same quilted chintz is used for a scalloped throw for the bed.

Every model room display seen so far surely mixes traditional and modern furniture and ties up the whole job with a beautiful use of colour. This goes for budget as well as high-bracket settings, so this is more than just a fad. It seems that so many people just fall into pieces that today are used instead of being relegated to the attic. And so they work the furniture into their modern setting and the result is a nice warm, lived-in room.

When it comes to a distinct period setting, the room is more than likely to be entirely traditional rather than of contemporary design, but brought up to date by clever handling of colour.

Traditional Pieces
If the background isn't right, traditional pieces soon have a fine they may be. One model room display includes a handsome 18th Century drawing room much modernised by a cool colour scheme of mauve and green. Lilac printed curtains, the sweeping draperies, and for a sofa and chair. A clever suggestion is the idea of covering inside shutters with the matching print. Gray and white striped wall paint and a green rug add a nice cool touch.

Cinnamon brown and gray are the dominant colours of a handsome dining room designed around a three-part banquet table. Six handsome Hepplewhite side chairs are

Nice Nutria



By ALICE ALDEN

NUTRIA, THAT LUSH fur, rich with lovely brown highlights, is always in demand, no matter how much the promotional drums may beat for other furs. No wonder, when it is so soft and velvety, and so supple that furriers delight in working it into important coats. B. Weinstein comes through with a true beauty, a border coat of nutria with a tiny rolled collar. Deft handling by the designer gives this extremely full coat a different look, achieved by the wide border along the hem. The modified dolman sleeves have a matching border cut.

CUT-COST COOKING

PRESSURE cooking is a term that would have scared many housewives before the war. Now in America it is as commonly used and understood as boiling or stewing.

For pressure saucepans have brought about a revolution in household cookery. Soups, stews and steamed puddings that used to take two hours to cook can now be cooked in 20 minutes. It is all so simple, if you follow the instructions.

Pressure cooking helps to make the best of the meat ration. The cheaper cuts can be used—stewed, braised or pot-roasted. There is a great saving in cooking time, less shrinkage in roasting, and the meat is remarkably tender.

In addition to the saving in time there is also greater retention of food value and flavour.

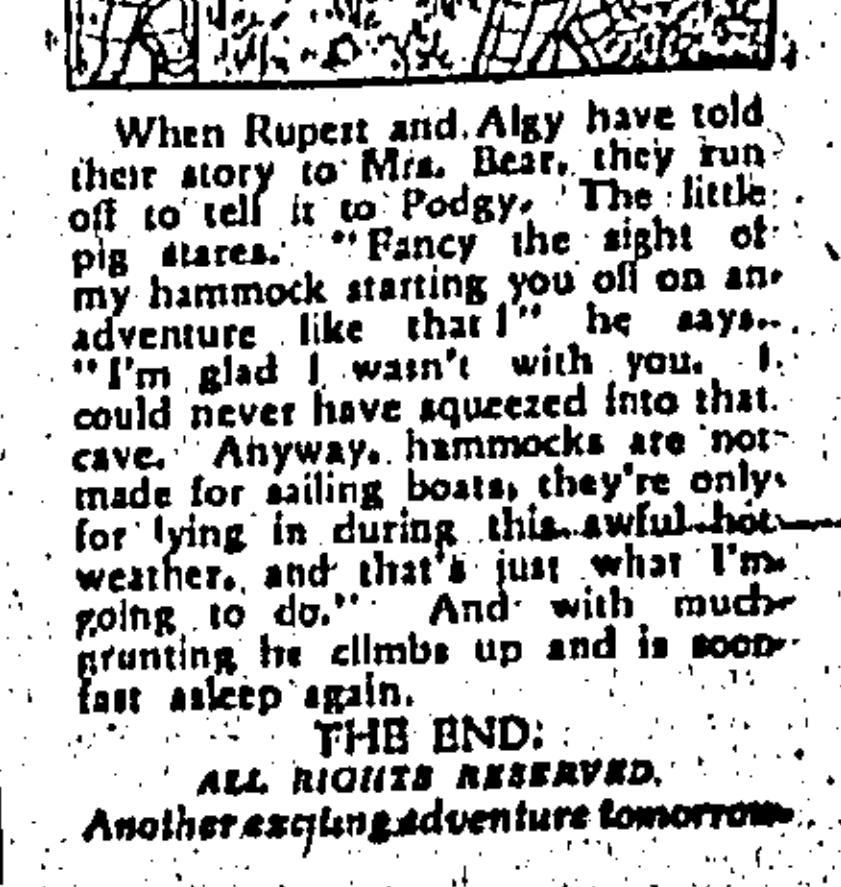
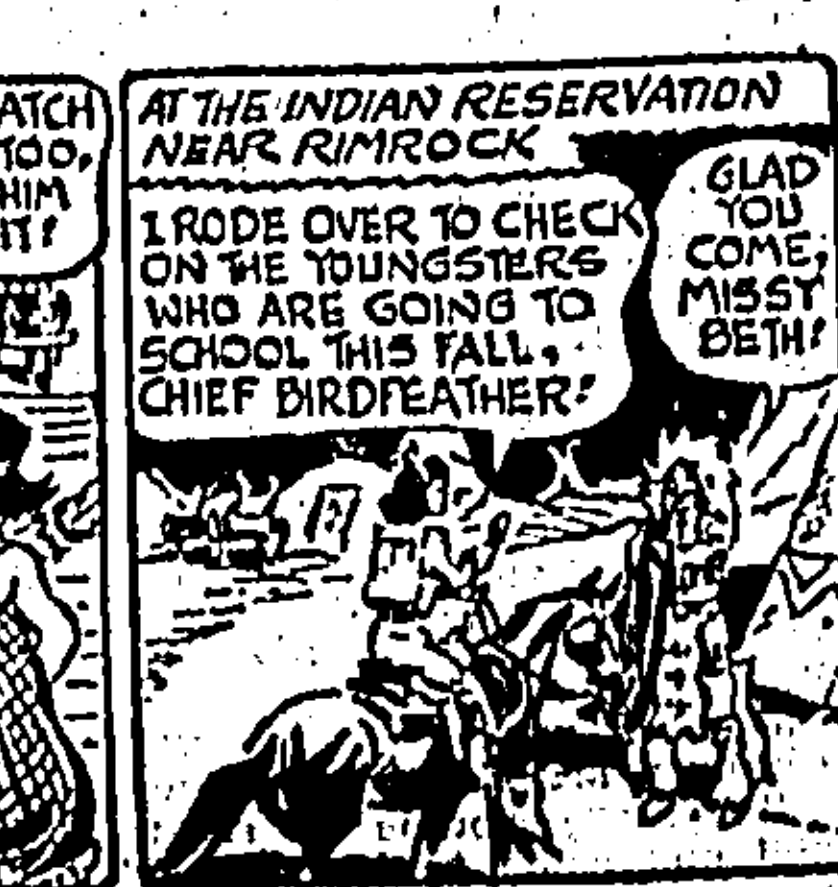
In pressure cooking little water is used, which means that all the mineral salts that are dissolved out when cooking vegetables in a large volume of water are concentrated in a rich juice at the bottom of the pan. This gives flavour and food value when used in a sauce or gravy, and makes an excellent foundation for vegetable soups.

Practice putting on the lid, and sealing and unsealing the cooker before you use it. This is the only special technique you have to learn and it is worth while spending a few minutes getting this right. The cooker must be properly sealed if you are to get the correct pressure.

Pressure cooking takes about one-third of the normal cooking time, so watch the time carefully. Cooking is so rapid that a few minutes extra will mean overcooking.

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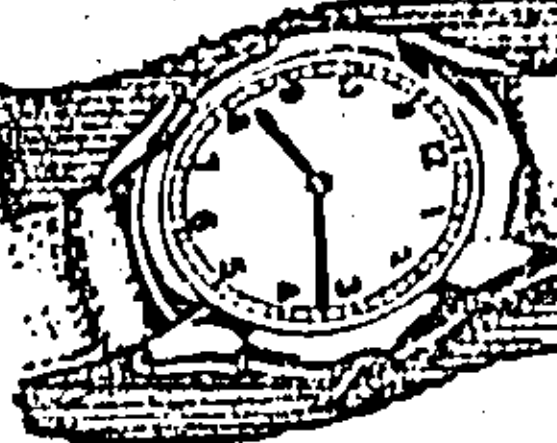
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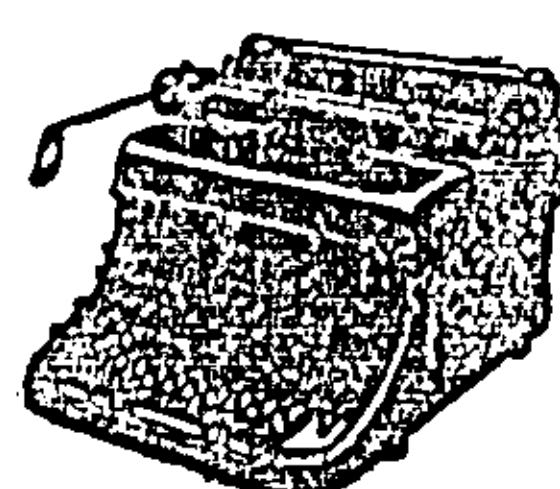
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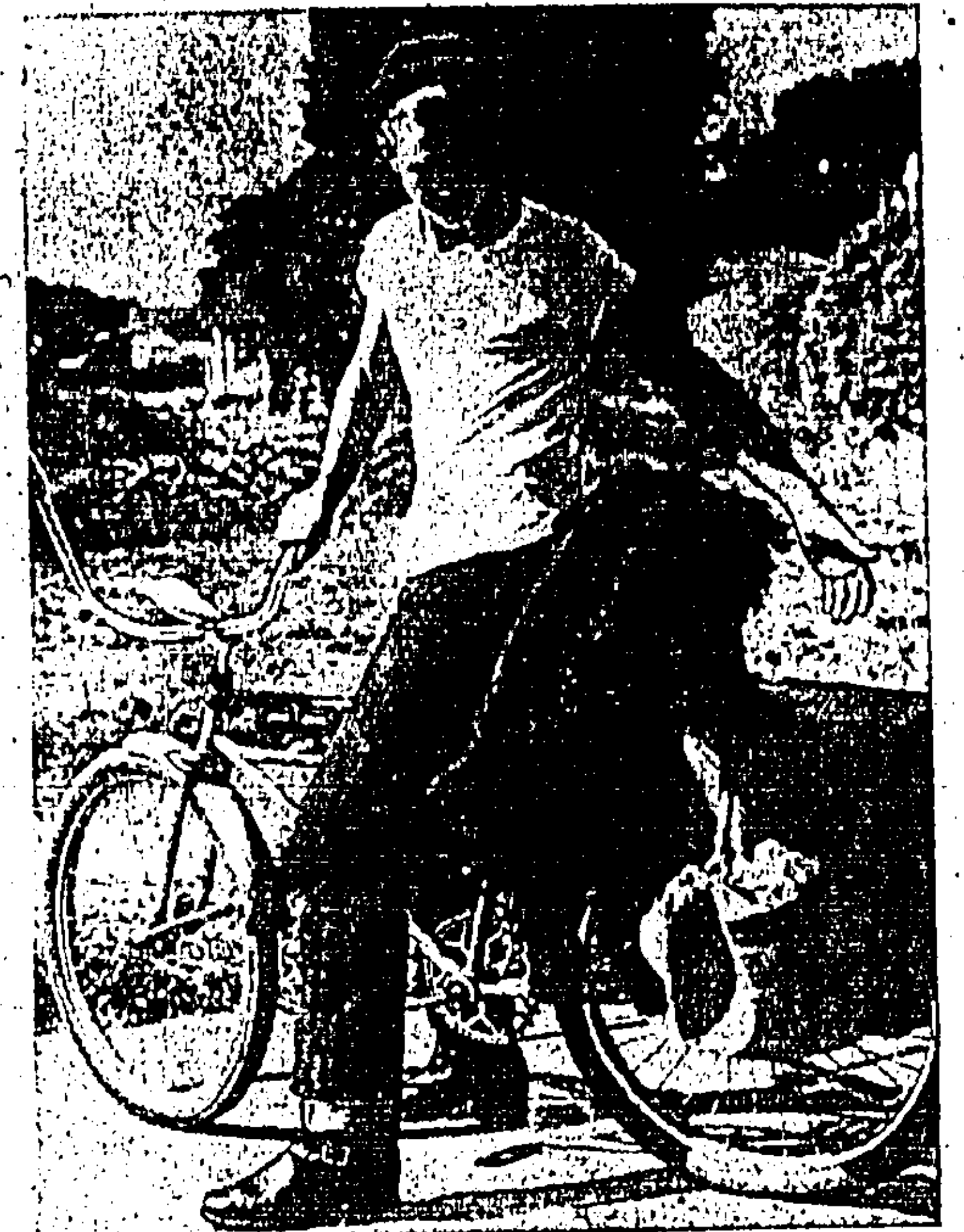
SALTY NAWS—Lieut. Guy Lefrant of the French Army leads Marquis III down the gangplank of the liner, American Skipper, in New York. Eight prize horses were sent to the U.S. to take part in the military jumping contest at the National Horse Show in Madison Square Garden.



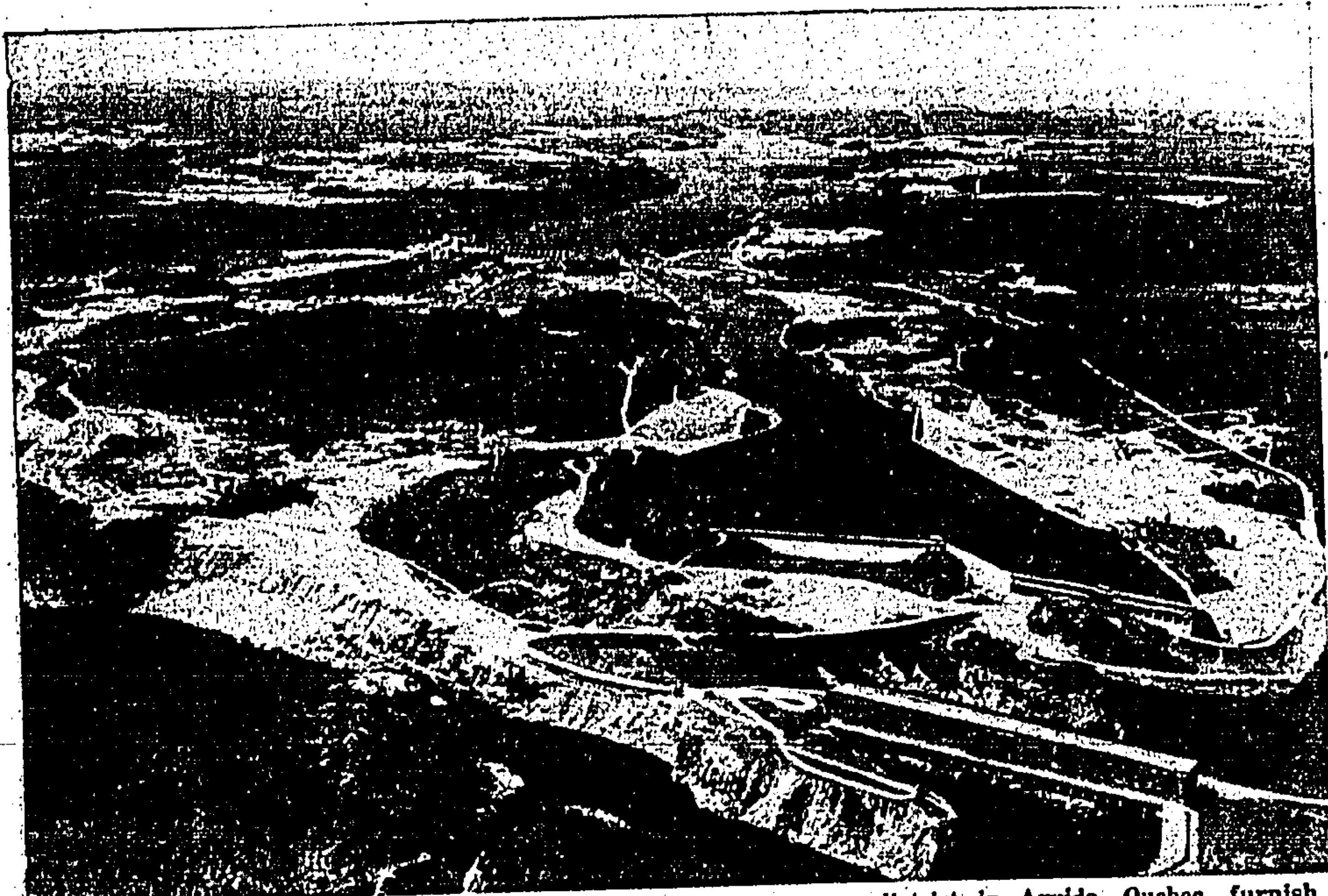
AT FRENCH ART EXHIBIT—Queen Elizabeth and Princess Margaret view a 13th Century Psalter shown to them by Desmond Flower in London. The book, exhibited for the first time outside of France, once belonged to King Louis IX.



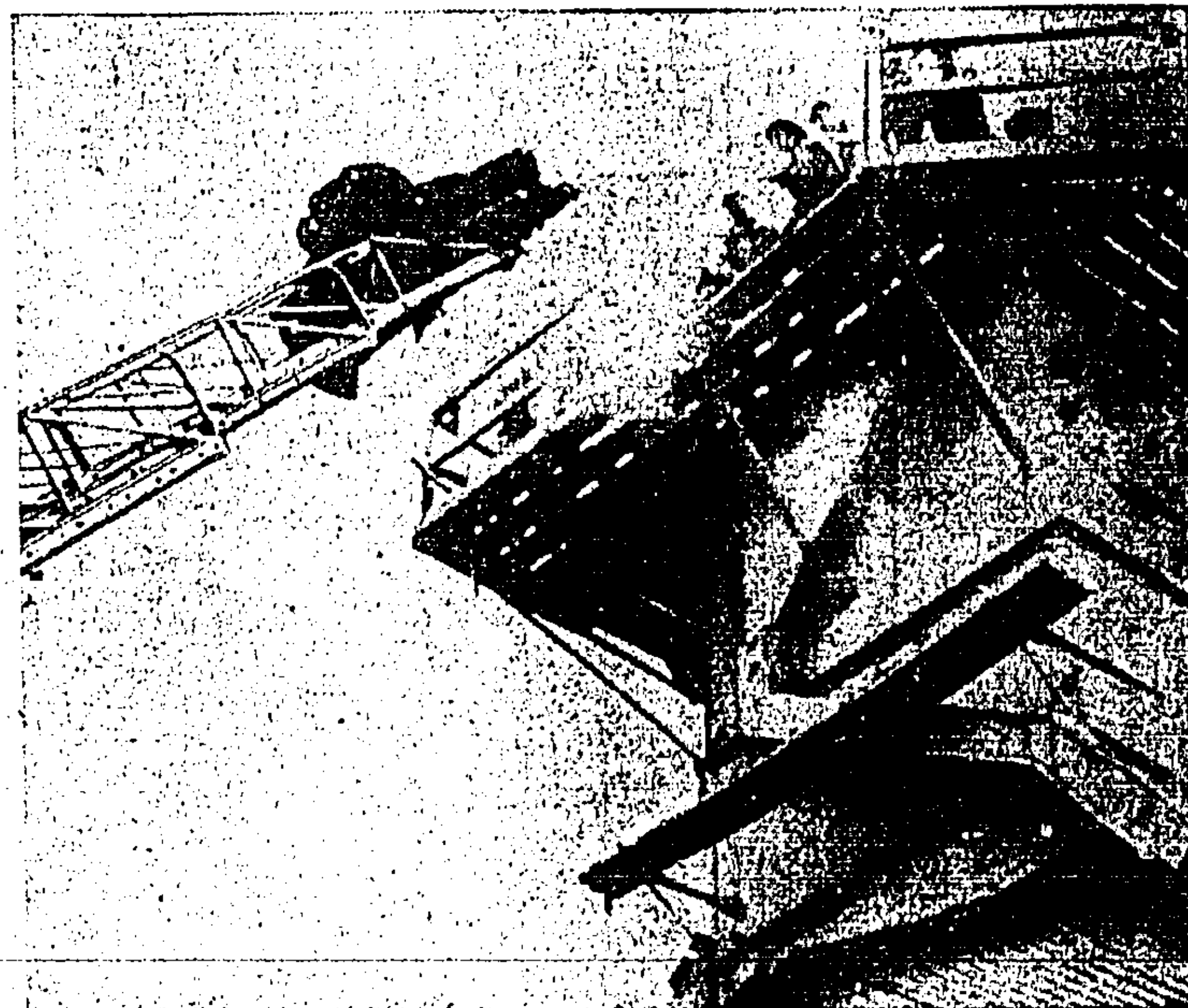
INTERNATIONAL SLEUTH—Former OSS Chief, Maj-General William J. Donovan, arrives in New York from Greece. Representing the Overseas Writers' Committee, he investigated the death of correspondent George Polk in Greece.



BICYCLE BUILT FOR TWO—Ray Stacey, 15, Palo Alto, (California) newsboy, signals to his 10-year-old dog, Mickey, and they're off on Ray's four-mile route. Mickey used to run alongside his master, helping him to deliver papers, but when he got too old for such a long trek, Ray taught him to ride behind.



DEVELOPED RESOURCES—The great dams of the Saguenay district in Arvida, Quebec, furnish 1,250,000 kilowatts of electricity to the Arvida aluminum plant. Adventurers were once lured to this region in search of gold. As a result, the water power responsible for this flourishing industry is now termed "white gold" by those living on the site of one of Canada's model communities.



RESCUE ON HIGH—Fellow workers watch anxiously as this firemen's aerial ladder swings away from a 50-foot tower in Binghamton, N. Y. A construction worker, David Robinson, was injured when he became trapped in machinery gears on top of the tower. Carried to safety by a hastily-called rescue crew, he is expected to recover. The ladder, used not only to fight fires, has facilities specially adapted for handling seriously injured persons.



AT PARIS BALL—Actor Franchot Tone greets his former wife, Jean Wallace, at the Paris Opera. They attended a benefit ball for French children, "one of Paris' big social events."

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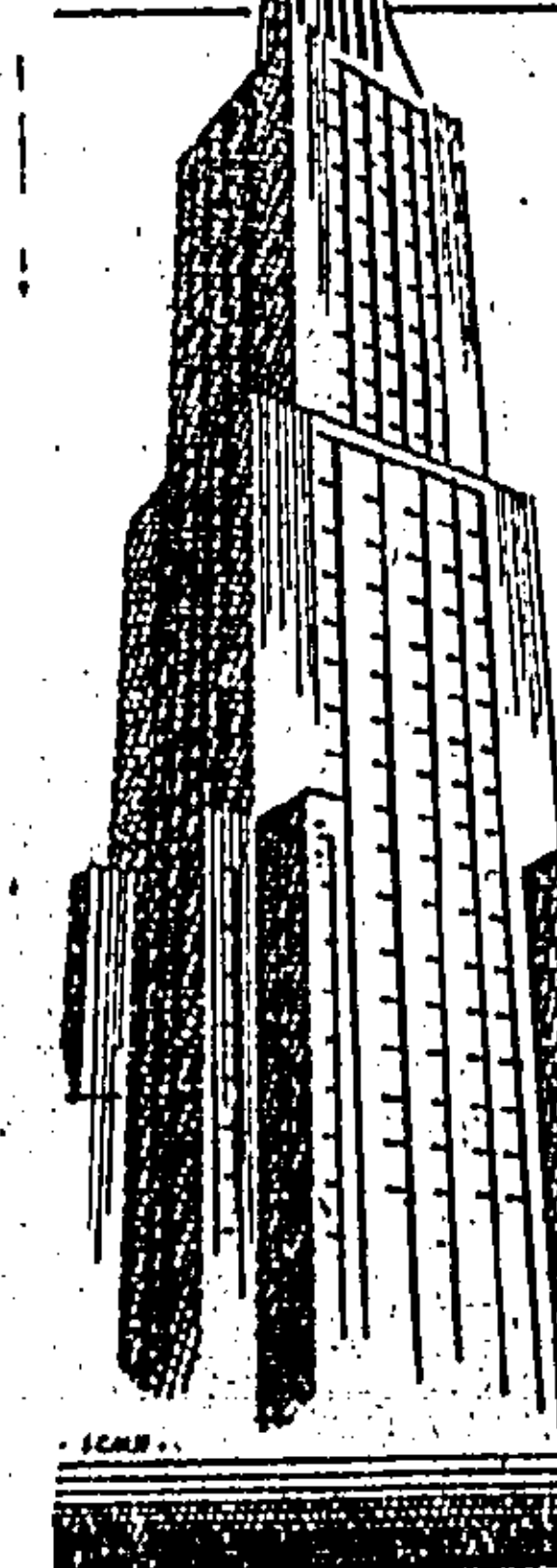
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MIKADO AND SON—The controversy as to whether Emperor Hirohito should have been tried for responsibility in connection with the Pacific War has flared up once again after the promulgation of the sentences on high Japanese war leaders by the International Military Tribunal in Tokyo. Here is a new picture of the Mikado with his son, Crown Prince Akihito. They are reading the U.S. Army paper, Stars and Stripes.



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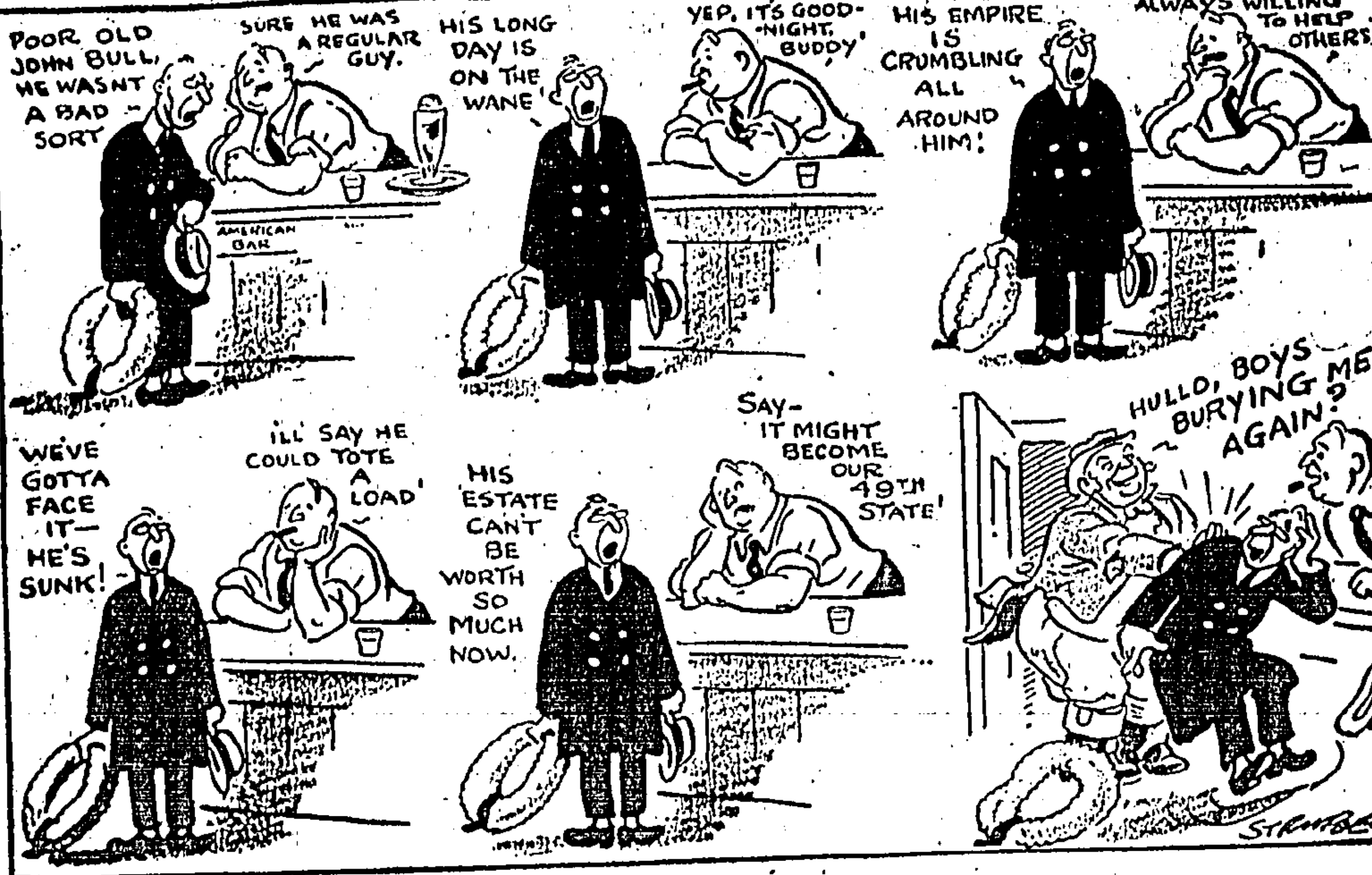
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Has the Atom Bomb been oversold?

TIMIDLY, and a little ashamed of itself, the question sneaked into my mind as I drove into the outskirts of Hiroshima and got my first glimpse of life in the atom-bombed town three years after.

The streets were lined with wooden houses and occasional stone buildings, almost all in perfect repair. They were alive with men and women going about their business.

Everywhere there were shops, and they were crammed with food and goods. Masses of pots, pans, tools, furniture, cloth, souvenirs, cameras, chinaware, and what have you, or rather what you do not have.

My question? "Can it be that we in the West have been making too much fuss over the atom bomb, its effects and after-effects? Are the citizens of Hiroshima right and the rest of us hysterical neurotics?"

He insisted, of course, that it was still far too early to assert this with any finality. The effect of radiation on the bloodstream of those who have been exposed to it may still provoke diseases like leucemia, or other phenomena still undreamed of.

The possible effect on later generations of the exposure of parents and grandparents to radiation must be awaited.

Normal lives

MOST of the radiation victims, said the colonel, had by now either died or recovered. Children, for instance, who had lost their hair, have regrown it—so have their elders. They are now living entirely normal, healthy lives.

And, indeed, only healthy, energetic, normal people could have achieved what Hiroshima has achieved in clearing up the debris and rebuilding the city.

The explosion of that one bomb flattened and burned down every wooden or brick building over an area of nearly five square miles—about a quarter of Hiroshima's total habitable area. Only stone or steel and concrete buildings like this one I am in now stood up to it. And they had their insides burned out.

Mind you, there was no Bevan or Slickin to stop the people from rebuilding. It was all left to the individual initiative of the citizen to satisfy his desire to build himself and his family a home and place of work.

Maybe it is this self-reliance and their concentrated attention to everyday problems which is responsible for the inhabitants' lack of emotion about the atomic bomb.

Girl's story

THE girl who has just brought me a cup of tea and a piece of cake giggled with surprise when I spoke of the bomb. She confessed she had not discussed it with her friends for months.

"I was sweeping the garden," she said, "when there was an orange flash, and our house collapsed and buried me under a debris of tiles and mortar." She lived about the same distance from the bursting bomb as Charing Cross Station is from St Paul's Cathedral.

"I got out of the debris, and so did my mother and we ran away to the south. We found a house belonging to friends which had not been damaged and stayed with them."

A word not yet in the standard dictionaries. It was used at the Nuremberg trials to denote race or mass murder.

Her father had been killed at his desk in the City Hall. That was all. She giggled, bowed and went out.

Not that the matter-of-fact attitude of the general public to their bomb has caused the city fathers or the souvenir merchants to lose sight of atom-bombed Hiroshima's potentialities as a tourist resort.

The guide, supplied by the mayor, who took me round, had already developed a typical guide's patter and typical list of sights.

Most of these sights are shadows. For the scorching glare of the atomic bomb exploding in the sky burned the pigmentation of all surfaces within its radius.

Stone shadows

SHADOWS cast then have been burned in for eternity. For I have no doubt that should time start to dull their sharpness, the Hiroshima town council will not refrain from a little plus touching up of these atomic stigmata.

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IT is a pity Delmer missed the most significant atomic show-piece in Hiroshima—the burial grounds of those 78,150 bomb victims. For to my mind the stillness of those dead is a more reliable measure of the atom's power than the bustle of the living.

And I would put a different interpretation on the buoyancy of the street crowds. I would say that in their shrugging off their dreadful memories the Hiroshimans are behaving no differently from any other people who have survived great ordeals.

For a balanced assessment of the destruction and morale-breaking power of the atomic bomb, I would rather reach into my records for those cold, factual reports of what Hiroshima looked like and how its people acted immediately after the explosion.

THERE I would find that one bomb, with the explosive power of 20,000 tons of T.N.T., obliterated four and a half square miles of the city and put those who survived it into such panic flight that no organized rescue service was possible.

The most dramatic is the shadow of a man cast on the stone wall of Sumitomo Bank. He was sitting on the steps waiting for the bank to open.

But what is the answer to my question? Is the atom bomb, now that I have seen Hiroshima, still the terrible weapon I had believed it to be?

In two points I have certainly revised my former views—

1 It is less destructive than I had expected. The bridge which was the aiming point was twisted but remained usable.

2 Its radiation does not seem to have the genocidal effects first credited to it. I would say the big raids on Berlin, Hamburg and Essen were more destructive.

Yes, despite Hiroshima and its courage, I am still scared.

Little could have been done for the injured anyway, for of the 298 doctors in Hiroshima that morning 280 were casualties themselves, and of 1,780 nurses, 1,654 were killed or injured.

The strategic value of the atom bomb may be debatable, but there is no doubt of its power to destroy cities and their peoples—and TO DESTROY THEM IN A FEW MINUTES.

Any suggestion that atom-bombing is, perhaps, not so bad as most dangerous thinking.

BUT at least the Delmer despatch dispels a false notion which may be more widespread than those of us in daily contact with the facts realise.

This delusion is that the killing power of the atomic bomb lies mainly in its ability to produce fatal "after-effects" by its radio-activity.

The bomb kills chiefly by fire and blast.

There were no after-effects at all due to radiations from the ground in Hiroshima, because the bomb was detonated 2,000 ft. up.

There were delayed symptoms caused by the rays given off at the moment of the explosion. But these began to appear within a few days, and most of the people affected died within a month.

I assure Sefton Delmer that there were people with "gray, leaden, apathetic faces." But they are no longer to be seen in the streets of Hiroshima.

They make up about 20 per cent. of the 78,150 in those burial grounds I wish Delmer had visited.

THE VICTOR PUTS ON HIS SUN SUIT

By R. M. MacCOLL

KEY WEST (Florida), Nov. 16. I WAS sitting in the Press headquarters established at this U.S. Navy Sonar School watching two new photographers play a game of pool, when a man wearing a white crash helmet and an enormous smile bounced into the room.

"Hello, boys, who's winning?" he inquired genially.

Overawed by the audience, one of the players mis-cued.

"That the best you can do?" went on the President. "Say, I'll have to send someone over to give you fellows some lessons."

Harry Truman brings to his "lazy" vacation in this former run-runners' beachhead the same gusto that swept him through the late electioneering franks.

He gets up "late"—that means seven instead of 5.30, his normal time in Washington. He eats a breakfast of orange juice, two strips of bacon, and toast (no eggs), in the unpretentious, white-painted frame house lent him by the naval officer in command.

After breakfast the President goes upstairs to his study in the "winter White House" and spends a couple of hours at his correspondence and studying the special digest of world events prepared by a staff of experts.

Although Mr. Truman wanted to "forget the world" when he came down to this sub-tropical dot in the sea, stuck 120 miles from the Florida mainland the reminders pursue him.

Reports stream in—yesterday the President received five big "pouches" of mail by the Navy's daily courier plane—from American listening posts throughout the world.

At ten sharp he leaps up from his desk and marches outside. He is wearing a white helmet, resembling a motor-cyclist's and an American explorer's in darkest Africa, dark glasses, a white, pinstriped Cuban shirt; its tails hanging free, seersucker trousers, and "sneakers" (gym shoes).

HE DROPS IN

TALKING constantly with members of his entourage, and followed by two Secret Service men looking oddly unconvincing in their gala attire, the President swings along a palm-fringed roadway through the naval base towards the beach a mile away.

This road takes him past our Press building—normally, the bachelor officers' quarters—where the naval base is free of reporters—and he can rarely resist the temptation to visit us.

Once he was as unshaven as Jack Dempsey in training and there was badinage about beards. Next day he invited us all to "go along, in swimming with me." The only condition was that we should "leave cameras and pencils behind."

The President, wearing gay, Hawaiian-flowered trunks, charges into the water, rallying the more laggard members of his party. He stays in the water for one and a half or two hours breaststroking, floating and plunging with the best of them.

In the evening Harry Truman gets what he probably likes best in the world—a bull session. Some "old-fashioned" cocktails are served in squat glasses on the verandah and the storytellers take over.

There are two highly respected storytellers at the winter White House just now in the persons of Truman's old friend and Army Attaché, General Vaughan, and the Vice-President, 73-year-old Alben Barkley, of Kentucky.

CLIMBING BACK

THOUGH all is smiles around the President, the sad backwash of "the boys" who got messed wrong about the election is in full flood.

In the private hotel suite of one of the local Democratic Party bigwigs I overheard a long-distance telephone call from the Northern Florida town of Jacksonville. The conversation went like this:

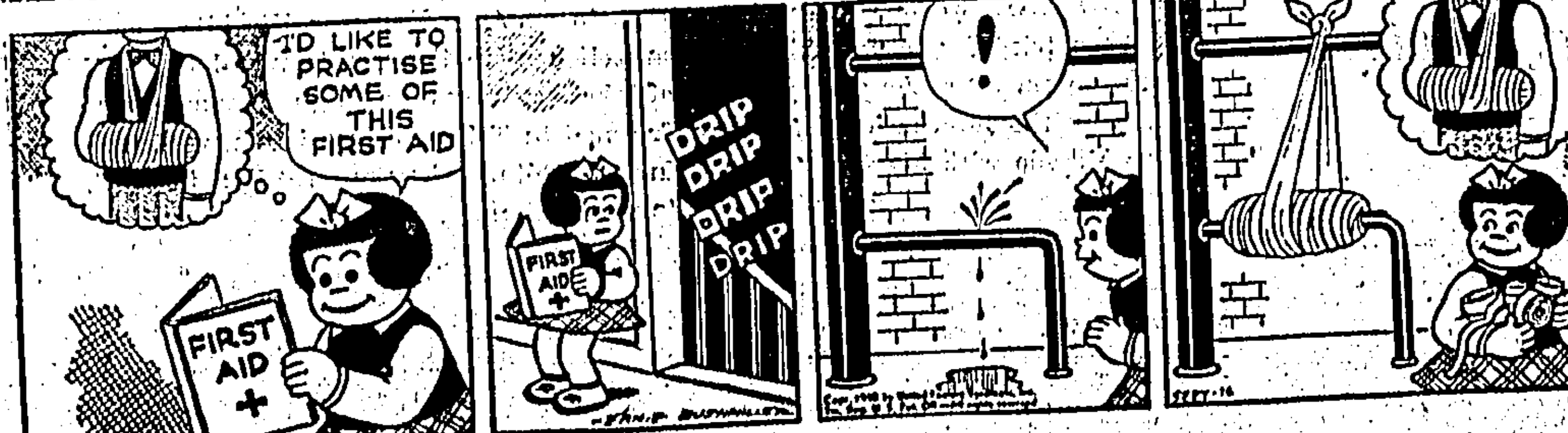
"Oh, hello there. When we'd be hearing from you. Aye, that's all you gave. Oh, it was your secretary's mistake? Your really wanted to give a thousand? Yeh, I guess we can accept it if you insist. We're a bit down the hole financially."

"Yeh, I'll make it a thousand in the book. What's that? Oh, you want it dated before November 2. Now look, Ed. . . . O.K., we'll make it October 31 for a thousand instead of 50."

Everywhere the Democrats are encountering these belated windfalls. They are surprising only here in Key West where the one other concession to the modern trends of the mainland is to offer the diner-out not hamburgers but turtleburgers.

By Ernie Bushmiller

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KING MAY HAVE BUERGER'S DISEASE

Talk Of Abdication Discounted

London, Nov. 24.—King George may be suffering from Buerger's disease, involving serious inflammation deep in the arteries, British press reports said today.

The Daily Mail published a long technical article in which it suggested that the King was suffering from Buerger's disease or thrombo-angitis obliterans, discovered in 1908 by Dr Leo Buerger.

In Buerger's disease, inflammation develops which affects the large arteries of one or both legs and the blood channels are gradually blocked so that nourishment does not reach the extremities.

Buerger's disease, a form of gangrene, usually occurs in the large veins and arteries of the legs of men reaching middle age. King George is 53.

Some physicians attribute the disease to undue strain. A Buckingham Palace source pointed out that the King, never very robust, has been under a great strain ever since the abdication of his brother, then King Edward VIII, in 1936.

American physicians of wide repute, although they have only the bare Buckingham Palace statements available, express considerable doubt that the King has either Buerger's disease, or the allied Reynaud's disease.

Sir John Weir, personal physician to the King, visited him today.

While reports began to circulate that King George VI would abdicate the throne in favour of his daughter Princess Elizabeth because of his ill health, an unimpeachable source disclosed today that the monarch had no intention whatsoever of quitting the throne.

"There is no reason why the King should abdicate and it has not been and will not be contemplated," it was stated.

The King's health worsened, there would be no need to consider that course, sources said.

Reports published in the Paris newspaper L'Aurore spoke of the "possibility" of action similar to that taken in Holland by Queen Wilhelmina, who abdicated in favour of her daughter Juliana.

INDIGNANT DENIALS

This and similar speculation indicating that the King might find it convenient to give up his duties met with indignant denials in circles close to the Palace. These circles expressed complete surprise at the suggestions for which, they said, there was "not the slightest foundation whatever."

No matter how serious the King's condition might be, the idea of his leaving the throne would not be contemplated, sources said. Another comment was that the King had far too high a sense of duty and had shown that throughout his career.

In any case, the source added, there was no warrant for such a course as the King is perfectly capable of carrying on his duties of state.—United Press.

THOUGHT DEAD, BUT WAS ALIVE

New York, Nov. 24.—Mary Grey, 25, was pronounced dead yesterday by a hospital attendant with the ambulance which responded to an emergency call. Today she is recovering from an overdose of sleeping pills because a policeman, Richard Petrocine, detected her head of perspiration on her brow and found mist gathering on a mirror he placed before her mouth.

Petrocine applied artificial respiration and called a doctor. Mary was sent to hospital, where her condition was described as fair.

New York City public ambulances formerly carried doctors, but during the wartime shortage they were replaced by hospital attendants.—United Press.

ASKED FOR LENIENCY

On November 23, St Blackhurst, o/c No. 4 Launch, was on patrol in the vicinity, and defendant was seen under way, presumably coming from Cheung Chau. He was ordered to stop, and obeyed. It was found that defendant, who was at the wheel, had no certificate of competency issued by the Marine Office, and also that the engineer had no certificate. The vessel was operating under a Chinese licence and had no Hongkong licence at all.

Defendant had nothing to say in answer to the charges, but asked for leniency.

Mr Cairns said he took a serious view of the case and imposed a fine of \$500 or six months on each charge.

Visit By Macao Students

Here are some of the senior boys of the Yuet Wah College, Macao, with the Rev. Fr. J. Buchta, who arrived yesterday in Hongkong on an educational and cultural tour. Altogether 400 pupils of the College came by the Cheung Chau on the three-day visit.—Photo by Staff Photographer.

TO SAFETY BY BOS'UNS CHAIR

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Evatt Wants Stalin And Truman To Meet

Paris, Nov. 24.—It was understood today that Dr Herbert Evatt, president of the United Nations Assembly, had received replies to some secret cablegrams which he sent to the chiefs of state of the Big Four powers in an attempt to solve the Berlin crisis.

It was believed Dr Evatt may have suggested a personal meeting with President Truman, Generalissimo Stalin and other leaders of the Big Four. A reliable informant said Stalin was one of those who had replied and there had been indications here and in Moscow that Russia might welcome such a conference.

Dr Evatt was known to have hoped that President Truman also might be ready after his election victory to make some dramatic gesture to settle not only the Berlin dispute but the East-West difference generally.

The Western Allies have said they will not negotiate with Russia under pressure, meaning so long as the Berlin blockade lasted.

ON A BATTLESHIP?

However, it was suggested: "Well, the Big Four could meet in an American battleship. That would not be negotiation under pressure, would it?"

Dr Evatt and Mr Trygve Lie, Secretary General of the UN, sent a joint appeal on November 13 to the Big Four powers, urging immediate conversations to end the Berlin crisis. The Western powers rejected the idea. Dr Evatt wanted Mr Lie to join him in sending the secret cablegrams to Mr Truman, Stalin and other Big Four leaders. Mr Lie felt that, as a purely international official, he could not go that far.

Hence Dr Evatt sent the cablegrams, saying in them some things he could not get Mr Lie to say with him in formal messages. Dr Evatt is now believed to be studying the possibility of further moves, some of them based on his cablegrams.

Interest in his secret messages increased as it appeared that attempts to solve the Berlin crisis through mediation in the Security Council were headed for failure. It was disclosed a split existed in the views of the three Western Allies on the Berlin currency question and though the split was slight it appeared to be all that was needed to prevent early solution.—United Press.

Rio De Janeiro Demonstration

Rio de Janeiro, Nov. 24.—A Brazilian Army spokesman declined to confirm or deny today rumours that several hundred military forces in Rio de Janeiro had been on the alert since last night when 200 sailors demonstrated in front of the Senate.

Nearly 100 alleged Communists, including four Navy sergeants, were arrested after the incident, in which "Marine shock" troops forced sailors who were demanding a pay increase. A police chief here said the demonstration was Communist-inspired.

Authoritative sources said all armed forces in the capital were on the alert against further demonstrations in the ranks of the Navy.

A thousand sailors were said to have failed to report for duty today in "sympathy" with their comrades involved in last night's incident.—Reuter.

CONVICT CAUGHT

Plymouth, Nov. 24.—Reginald Maskell, the Dartmoor convict who escaped from hospital at Plymouth, was caught near the Plymouth railway station today.

When he escaped he was clad only in pyjamas and slippers. Today he was dressed in a flannel suit, brown shoes and blue overcoat.—Reuter.

Reds Penetrate Deeply Along Pukow Rly.

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A high Chinese Army officer said the Communists lobbed more than 10,000 shells into Gen. Huang's forces in Nienchuang. Both sides claimed they held Nienchuang.—United Press.

TO DEFEND NANKING

Nanking, Nov. 24.—The question of whether the Government would attempt to defend Nanking rather than evacuate it the Communists won the battle of Huaihow and advanced to the Yangtze has been raised by the arrival in the capital of General Tang Sheng-shih from retirement in his native Hunan.

Tang was the Garrison Commander of Nanking against the Japanese in 1937. Reporting General Tang's arrival, the Government Information Bureau bulletin tonight said he had come at the invitation of President Chiang Kai-shek. The bulletin added: "It has been reported that he will be given an important military post."

General Tang, who is 63, is a member of the Military Strategy Advisory Committee but has been living in Hunan for the past few years.—Reuter.

OFF TO TAIWAN

Canton, Nov. 25.—General Yu Han-mou, Commander-in-Chief of Chinese ground forces, is leaving here by plane for Taiwan.

General Yu arrived in Canton with other Nanking army officials late last week in the course of a military tour of China.

It is reported that General Yu's opinion is that Kwangtung will make an ideal training base in this time of emergency.

It is further reported that a speedy high-efficiency course is to be applied to the training of nine

new divisions which will be equipped with American arms.—Reuter.

Shanghai, Nov. 25.—Two Nationalist Army Groups, after rescuing government troops encircled in Nienchuang, 33 miles east of Huaihow, are at present hotly pursuing Chen's Communists fleeing northward, pro-Government claimed today.

The reports said that warplanes, braving unfavourable weather, strafed Red transports and blasted more than 200 trucks and carts on the Lunghai railway between Nienchuang and Yunho, railtown.

Spontaneous fighting was said to be continuing around Nienchuang where remnants of the Communists are being mopped up.

On the southern front the government forces were reported to be advancing northward from Suhsien, 35 miles south of Huaihow, and to have captured more than 10 villages. Liu Po-cheng's Communists were reported dying to the western flank of the Tienling-Pukow railway.

In Nanking, the government announced "new deal" by increasing pay to all military personnel as well as civil servants by 50 percent making the minimum basic pay to Gold Yuan monthly—US\$3 at allowances, which are fixed monthly according to the local cost of living index. The pay scale will give back privates in the frontlines more than \$100 Gold Yuan monthly—US\$3 at the official rate—plus rice or flour. It is believed that high pay as well as the new government measure of moving the war wounded to base hospitals in Nanking and Shanghai will greatly improve the morale.—United Press.

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Factory Disaster

Lisbon, Nov. 24.—At least twenty-three people were killed, most of them women, and 44 injured today in a big explosion at a gun-powder factory at Amora, on the southern bank of the river Tagus, opposite Lisbon.

About 100 labourers were working at the factory, which is a private concern, the Sociedade Portuguesa de Explosivos.

Rescue squads were tonight searching for more bodies in the debris. The factory was partly destroyed. Of the 23 victims so far counted, 10 were women. Two-thirds of the 100 workers at the factory were women.

The explosion was heard throughout Lisbon, causing great alarm.—Reuter.

Mediator For Coast Strike

New York, Nov. 24.—The nation's top mediator, on direct orders from the White House, today stepped into the stalemate 15-day-old strike of East Coast dock workers.

Mr Cyrus Ching, director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, flew in from Washington and announced that he would offer tonight a plan to end the costly strike if settlement was not in sight by that time.

Mr Ching made his announcement after a meeting with Mr Joseph Ryan, President of the AFL International Longshoremen's Association, and Mr John Lyon, chairman of the New York Shipping Association.

The mediator scheduled a joint meeting with both sides and said he would put forth his settlement plan at that time. He would not reveal his plan, but said it would be made public as soon as it was offered to the Union and the ship-owners.

Mr Ching originally had planned to address a labour-management round-table session at Columbia University this afternoon on the Government's role in labour relations, but he cancelled the speech because of the "urgency" of the situation.—United Press.

Death Of Star Music Hall Artiste

London, Nov. 24.—Miss Nellie Wallace, the famous British music hall artiste, died today only three weeks after she appeared at the Royal Command performance at the London Palladium, which was attended by the King and Queen.

She then collapsed in the wings on leaving the stage and later was taken seriously ill with bronchitis and heart trouble. She was 78 years old.—Reuter.

YESTERDAY'S TENNIS FINAL

Close Contest In Ladies' Doubles

By "RECORDER"

In a closely contested match over the last two sets, Miss Dawn Kent and Mrs. A. Shewan won yesterday the Colony Open Ladies' Doubles championship by a score of 3-6, 7-5, 6-4 over Mrs. S. Standloft and Mrs. Enid Litton at the Ladies' Recreation Club.

The Standloft-Litton combination hit upon winning tactics in the very first set, only to be rattled by an unexpected development late in the second.

At one stage they led 6-3, 5-2 and that was as far as they got. The rest of the match was closely fought, point for point, but developed into long volleying with few chances taken on a kill.

Neither of the two pairs started a paper favourite. Miss Kent and Mrs. Shewan were an unbroken combination in League games and though Mrs. Shewan is not in the same class with Mrs. Standloft or Mrs. Litton as a singles player, she is unquestionably one of the finest doubles partners available, with a fine net sense and a steady player in long volleys.

SUCCESSFUL

The Standloft-Litton tactics in the first set developed into a successful attempt at driving Miss Kent away from the net. The Colony Singles Champion was forced to the baseline where Mrs. Shewan was being run off her feet in return to the far corners of the court.

The match produced patches of excellent courtcraft and reached a standard, in the second set, not far below that of a good quarter-final encounter in local men's tennis.

Miss Kent seemed quite unsettled by the Standloft-Litton tactics and took a fairly long time settling down.

The unexpected development came with a good deal of the play in the first two sets being carried

by Mrs. Shewan, who rose to the occasion and was the larger contributor to wearing the sting out of the Standloft-Litton attack.

TIDE TURNS

The tide turned with Miss Kent adjusting herself to the new tactics half-way through the second set and a series of long volleys between her and Mrs. Litton that saw the latter fire after a continued fast pace from the start of the match.

The Kent-Shewan combination took five games in a row to win the second set and proved to have more stamina left for the third. Miss Kent, who had comparatively little of the play in the first set, was just warming up and both Mrs. Litton and Mrs. Standloft were tiring.

They had enough left, however, to contest game for game and survived three match points before finally admitting defeat.

Other Results: Handicap Mixed Doubles: C. W. J. Way and Mrs. Strobach beat J. J. Brown and Miss Lambert 6-4, 6-1; Club Mixed Doubles: H. Segalen and Mrs. Slagter beat Mr. and Mrs. Bathurst 6-4, 6-4.

To-Day's Final

At 4 p.m. this afternoon, Trui Yung-pui and Miss D. Kent will meet Tai-pul and Mrs. Litton in the final of the Colony Mixed Doubles championship.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR



Pitcher Gene Bearden, who won 20 games for the World Champion Cleveland Indians, autographs a baseball at a civic celebration in Long Beach, Calif., after he was named American League rookie of the year. Good looking Gene seems to be particularly popular with the young lady fans. Mrs. Bearden is in the car with him. — AP Wirephoto.

THE CHICAGO CUBS ARE THE "DARKEST HORSES" IN BASEBALL'S WINTER BOOK

By MILTON RICHMAN

New York, Nov. 24.—The "darkest horses" in baseball's winter book are the Chicago Cubs, who have gained surprisingly large backing for an entry that appeared left at the post during the 1948 campaign.

Brooklyn's Branch Rickey, who tabbed the Pittsburgh Pirates as the National League's dark horses in the winter of 1947 and then watched his selection back up his prediction in the summer of 1948, was one of the first to point at the Cubs for 1949.

"Look out for Chicago," cautioned the Mahatma. "The Cubs have several youngsters who will come into their own next season. They very definitely are the dark horses of the league as far as I am concerned."

Rickey, however, isn't the only one so concerned. Officials of the Giants refused to be swayed by any sympathy while attempting to arrange a deal with the Cubs recently.

"We realize that the Cubs finished last," said one New York spokesman, "and we also realize that they may be crowding first division next year, too."

MUSIC TRANSFORMATION

And just how are the Cubs to effect this startling transformation? The answer, they believe, is simple.

Chicago employed untold rookies last season. Now, with a year in the majors under their belt, these same youngsters may have lost much of their "stage fright."

Manager Charlie Grimm of the Cubs might have called the turn last spring when he said after surveying his inexperienced squad: "We probably won't finish very high this year but I think we'll surprise a lotta people in 1949."

An example of Grimm's statement could be found in Roy Smalley, 22-year-old shortstop who won a regular berth with Chicago last season after coming up from Des Moines of the Western Association.

At the beginning of the year, Smalley was strictly "bush" both at bat and in the field.

GAINED POISE

In August, however, Smalley looked like a different ballplayer, having gained poise, experience and stature in the eyes of his rival.

One swallow, of course, does not make a summer nor one Smalley a ball club, but there are several others on whom Grimm is counting heavily.

Outfielder Hal Jeffcoat and Second Baseman Hank Schenz are two sophomores who Grimm thinks will improve on their rookie showing of 1948.

Jeffcoat started last season exceptionally well, then tapered off and even so finished with a creditable .200 batting mark.

Much is expected from young Bob Rush, who won five and lost 11 but displayed a fine fast ball and a hard-to-hit curve.

"With a little more experience, Rush will be a big help," Grimm said. Add such dependable veterans as Andy Pafko, Johnny Schmitz, Peanut Lowery and Harry Walker and the Cubs don't look too dismal.

It might be the Bruins are primed for 1949.—United Press.

STRAIGHT TRADE

Chicago, Nov. 24.—Chicago White Sox announced today a trade of pitcher Joe Haynes to Cleveland Indians for catcher Joe Tipton in a straight exchange.

Haynes, 31, had been with the White Sox eight years and before that hurled for Washington two years. He won nine games and lost 10 last season and had his best year with Chicago in 1947 when he won 14 and lost six.

Tipton, 26-year-old receiver, moved up from the minors to Cleveland last season and played in 47 games, batting a .289 average.—United Press.

DIMAGGIO GOES HOME

Baltimore, Nov. 24.—Yankee centerfielder Joe DiMaggio was released today from Johns Hopkins Hospital where last week he underwent an operation for the removal of a bone spur in his right heel.—United Press.

ARCHIE QUICK ON THE HOME FOOTBALL FRONT

Scotland Profited From Clearing Away Deadwood

Portsmouth are a hard-working, well-trained team and nothing more. It is a commentary on the low standard of English soccer at the moment that they are riding at the head of the First Division.

Which brings me to the problem which must present itself to England's International Selectors. Scotland proved at Cardiff that by clearing away the deadwood of experienced players who have served its purpose and substituting eager, young, fresh blood they have, in one stride, gone a long way upon the return road to success.

Scotland had not won one game against any of the Home countries for 10 years but courageously they brought in half a side new to the International arena and victory was theirs.

Significantly, some of the outstanding stars of the match were newcomers. Cowen, for instance, in goal looks like making the job his for 10 years to come.

Reilly, Evans and Redpath, all new caps, did well too although matured stars like Steel, Waddell and Young were equally prominent.

Now, England's selectors in the near future will have to be as bold and make a thorough sweep of the old for the new.

Frank Swift, for instance, has been the life and soul of the party for years as well as being brilliant goalkeeper, but he is past his prime and Pearson is not up to the standard he displayed last season and there is even some heretical talk that Stanley Matthews should be supplanted.

No doubt, the team's displays against Denmark and Ireland rankle and leave the selectors uneasy.

WHALE OF A HIDING For my part I can see England getting a whale of a good hiding against Sweden at Stockholm next May. If alterations are not soon made in order to allow a new eleven to settle to each others' play.

My team would be: Ditchburn, Ramsey, Howe; Nicholson, Franklin or Leuty; all Wright; Matthews, Mortensen, Milburn, Shackleton and Finney.

Therefore, I welcome the Football Association's decision to arrange a full fixture list next season for a shadow eleven.

This will serve as useful training for bigger matches. I understand the intention is to play the "B" side against foreign countries "B" teams as well as a series of games in this country. It is a reform that should have been introduced long ago.

A Link With The Latins An Argentine soccer party, after playing a match in Paris, is to tour England in January, playing professional clubs which have been dismissed from the third round of the Football Association Cup Competition.

This is the beginning of a Football Association-sponsored attempt at an Anglo-Latin link-up which will be continued when the World Cup Competition is played in Brazil in 1950.

Furthering the idea, the Football Association have allowed to go forward in their bulletin an advertisement by the Chilean Football Association inviting an English First Division side to tour Chile, Peru, Uruguay, the Argentine and Brazil in the close season.

This is a £100,000 trip if Southampton's £10,000 trek to Brazil last summer is any criterion.

BEST IN THE WORLD I talked with Southampton's manager, Bill Dodgin, and he is of the opinion that the South Americans now are about the finest footballers in the world.

They are jugglers with the ball, he said. Their ball control is uncanny, they are hard-shooting and exceptionally speedy. He thinks most clubs out there would hold their own in our First Division.

Personally, I cannot see any of our Division I taking the risk of this five-country expedition. It would entail long and hazardous air travel for a bunch of players.

They would have to get used to the varying attitudes in which they play out there. The heat is great. They would be chasing top class players and practically all their summer break would be taken up.

The strain of all-the-year-round football would be too much for me if I was a First Division manager.

It is much more likely that several English clubs will offer to tour each one South American country over a much shorter period.

IN THE HUNT Talking of Southampton, now that I have seen them I am much more certain that they will be in the promotion hunt at the end of the season even if they do badly need an outside-left.

This is the only weakness in the team as far as I can see. Wayman, centre-forward, Day, outside-right, Curtis, inside-right, Webber, centre-half, Mallett, left-half, Black, goal, and Tansay and Rochford, back, are all about the best in their positions in the country.

I should say that buying Curtis, Wayman, Black, and Mallett represents some of the finest transfers since the war. There is a fine club spirit behind the scenes too.

Equally so Tottenham, despite their exalted position, are not going to stay there unless they depart from their policy of not going into the transfer markets and that very quickly.

Their crying need is a centre-half and unless they get one their defence will always be suspect. Vic Buckingham is a grand wing-half or full-back but no centre-half. Duquemin too seems to have lost his touch.

London, Nov. 24.—Hancocks, of Wolverhampton Wanderers, is to deputise for Finney in the England team meeting Switzerland on December 1.

Hancocks usually plays at outside-right, but will appear in Finney's position at outside-left.—Reuter.

London, Nov. 24.—Fulham Football Club have signed Alfred Pops, 22-year-old centre forward, much sought after by other League clubs.—Reuter.

NEUTRAL SWISS UPSET MOSCOW Moscow, Nov. 24.—The sports newspaper, "Soviet Sport," accused the Swiss football authorities on Wednesday of "crude violation of statutes and of decisions of the International Football Federation" by sending three teams into the American zone of Germany.

Three Swiss teams recently played at Stuttgart, Munich and Karlsruhe. It was the first fixture in the sports quarantine clamped on Germany at the end of the war.

In criticising this, "Soviet Sport" said the German participation in international football should be preceded by "unity of Germany's sports movement based on democratisation, de-militarisation and de-Nazification."—Associated Press.

PONY INJURED The Australian pony Hyaline, owned by Mr. Tucson Wu, may have to be destroyed following an accident yesterday in which it sustained severe injury.

Hyaline, back after several months' rest at Shekwa, was taken out for a training gallop on the sand track at the Valley yesterday morning by novice jockey H. W. Mok.

While running round the track anti-clockwise near The Rock, the pony broke into a fast gallop, according to an eye-witness, in attempting to return to the stables the pony swerved and crashed into the gateway separating the sand from the grass track. Mok was thrown heavily over the mount's head onto the grass track and sustained a dislocated collar-bone. The pony was badly lamed.

"My Love" Retired Paris, Nov. 24.—"My Love" winner of the Epsom Derby and Grand Prix this year, has finished his racing career, and will now retire to stud, according to his Chantilly trainer, Richard Carver.—Reuter.

FINANCING THE WALKER CUP TEAM

The Rank And File Take The Credit

London, Nov. 24.—The news that Britain will challenge for the Walker Cup next year has pleased British golfers who realise the value of international sporting encounters, which are all for the good of the game, no matter what form they take.

The rank and file of British golf can also take credit for the fact that the match will be played next year, a comment which may demand a little investigation.

It will be recalled that Britain, for the first time since the biennial golf match of pre-war days was first played in 1922, won at St. Andrews in 1939. Then came the war before they could cross the Atlantic in defence of the trophy.

By rights they should have travelled when the encounter was resumed after the war, but finance or the lack of it reared its ugly head and there was little chance of a revival of the match in 1947.

America, however, keen to get the game started once more, decided to waive such rights and they themselves visited Britain, but they turned and proceeded to regain the Walker Cup at St. Andrews in 1947.

Now the question arose as to what would happen two years later—1949. The match now revived and with the old rule that it should be played in alternate years unaltered, had been started and Britain could not very well expect the American team to travel again and yet their financial position hardly justified a hurried decision to set by a matter of about £2,000 to defray the expenses of a British team visiting America.

So the Royal and Ancient Club, the ruling body of British golf, turned to the clubs and asked them to agree to a scheme whereby clubs would subscribe a sum equivalent to the annual subscription of one member.

The response was so good that the Royal and Ancient Club has decided that they could proceed with the Walker Cup match and a Dominion tour, which was a proposed programme that became a reality because of the financial situation, threatened to collapse in the postwar years.

A British golf team, therefore, will cross the Atlantic next year in a bid to win the trophy for the first time on American soil, August 19.

Already some leading golfers had questioned the advisability of holding championship in Eire in view of the heavy cost of travel.

The championship, however, has never been held outside England and Scotland, who have accommodated it in alternate years.—Reuter.

PGA TOURNEY Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 24.—It was announced today that the Professional Golfers' Association tournament, offering \$40,000 in prizes, will be held next year on the 72-par, 7,000-yard Scioto Country Club course.—United Press.

Chess Tourney Tonight

The Kowloon Chess Club will hold its fortnightly chess evening tonight. A "Doubles" Tournament will be staged, commencing at 6.30 p.m. at the Peninsula Hotel (1st floor).

It will be played on the knock-out system with partners being drawn by lot.

A maximum one minute will be allowed per move, with an umpire entitled to give 10 seconds' notice where he believes a player is taking too long.

Change Of Heart

Dartford, Nov. 24.—The £1,000 greyhound, Trevy, stolen from the kennels at Ash, near Sevenoaks, before it was due to race at Southend on Monday night, has been returned.

The dog was found tied up in a coal-shed behind the house of a kennelman.—Reuter.

CRICKET TEAMS

Indian R.C. The following have been selected to represent I.R.C. XI in a League cricket fixture against Craggenower S.C. at Rookwood on Saturday, at 4.30 p.m.: A. R. Abbas (Capt.), A. el Arculli, Jr., A. K. Jemali, S. A. Jemali, S. H. Khan, A. R. Kitchell, A. R. Kitchell, Jr., M. M. Omar, R. el Suffad, M. I. Raseek, Umpire, G. M. Butt, Scorer, A. M. Wahab.

Recreo 2nd XI The following will represent the Club de Recreo 2nd XI, at home in a League match versus the B.A. on Saturday: E. A. R. Alves (Capt.), J. S. Alves, A. A. Gutierrez, L. E. Gutierrez, J. Remedios, J. A. Remedios, A. V. Lopez, E. M. Rosario, R. Remedios, L. Luz, Twelfth man, A. de O. Sales.

"Optimists" The HKCC "Optimists" will meet the University in a Senior League match at Chater Road on Saturday at 4.30 p.m. and will be represented by: L. D. Kibbe (Capt.), T. P. Mahon, G. T. Rowe, K. A. Miller, R. W. Franklin, D. McMillan, W. B. Singer, M. Oliver, A. E. Perry, Twelfth man, D. S. Odell.

Coming Events In The Sports World

TODAY Boxing—Harris Shield Tourney at Murray Barracks, 7.30 p.m. Chess—"Palms" Novelty Tournament, Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 6.30 p.m. Entries Close—Entries close for 11th Extra Race Meeting.

Meeting—References: Supreme Council, HKFA office, 5.30 p.m. Tennis—Colony Open Championship: Mixed Doubles Final—Trui Yung-pui & Miss Dawn Kent v. Tai Wal-pui & Mrs. Litton, at Ladies' Recreation Club, 4.30 p.m.

LRC Tournament: A. Mackie v. A. L. Smith (Handicap Singles), 4.30 p.m.; Miss Millard & Miss Murdoch v. Mrs. Dredley & Miss Lambert Baker (Handicap Doubles).

TOMORROW Badminton—Senior Mixed Doubles Division: Chinese YMCA v. KCC; Junior Mixed Doubles Division: B. Teresa's "B" v. KCC; Kowloon Dock v. Hecrolo.

Tennis—LRC Championship: P. Bonnerman & S. Saul v. Dr. Ramler & A. R. Polak (Handicap Doubles).

Badminton League

St. John's "A" lost to VRC "A" 2-7 in B "B" Division badminton game played last night.

F. H. Kwok and K. S. Thompson (St. John's) lost to W. C. Cheung and A. John's 10-21; lost to Souza and A. R. Rosario 10-21; lost to M. Soares and A. C. Gutierrez 22-20.

D. Kwok and J. Maynard lost to Chey and Noronha 16-21; lost to Souza and Rosario 21-15; beat Soares and Gutierrez 21-15.

F. Fowler and E. Youreless lost to Chey and Noronha 11-21; lost to Souza and Rosario 21-15; beat Soares and Gutierrez 21-15.

WIN FOR KCC Kowloon Ducks lost to Kowloon Cricket Club 3-6.

M. Kempton and W. Casney (KCC) lost to J. K. Thong and K. S. Thong 21-12; lost to Broadbank and A. Sung 21-20; beat J. Senton and A. Zimmerman 21-20.

A. E. Elliott and D. Benkinsop lost to Thong and Thong 21-12; beat Broadbank and Sung 21-12; beat Senton and Zimmerman 21-12.

N. McKay and W. Rily lost to Thong and Thong 21-4; lost to Broadbank and Sung 21-4; lost to Senton and Zimmerman 21-12.

WAITING ON THE

Woodcock-Mills Fight Next Summer

By ARCHIE QUICK

Unless Bruce Woodcock hopelessly jeopardises all future hopes in his fight against Lee Savold at Harringay in December, the biggest certainty in boxing history is that he will defend his British, European and Empire heavyweight titles against Freddie Mills in an open air show at the White City next summer.

The Woodcock-Mills clash, when it comes, will, I think, create a new record in gate attendances and receipts in Britain for Jack Solomons.

Strangely enough, it will be the first time that Woodcock will have defended his championship since he won it nearly two years ago from Jack London on the "Spurs" Football Ground.

Another boxing certainty is that Mills' canny manager, Ted Broadribb, will steer clear of a third contest with Gus Lesnevich for as long as he can.

The world cruiserweight title carries money with it and the Mills camp have no savour for another encounter with the New Yorker just now.

It would make a monetary difference too to the Woodcock fight takings.

Some two months ago I prophesied that Frenchman Marcel Cerdan, having taken the world middleweight championship from Tony Zale, would relinquish his European title as valueless and dangerous.

Second forecast I made at the time was that the Cerdan-Dick Turpin fight would be just the plum for Jack Solomons' taste.

That too is on the cards although I believe Cerdan's American commitments are such that the British champion would have to be content with a non-title bout at overweight.

UNIQUE SITUATION Meanwhile, in British boxing, we have the unprecedented position of having three leading contenders for championships all too young to take part by law in title fights.

They are Randolph Turpin, Cliff Curvis and Peter Fallon. I should think that is a unique record for any country in boxing history.

Curvis has filled out from the frail youth I last saw lose to Ronnie Fenner in their native Swansea, while Turpin has laid off fighting after a serious loss of form brought about by being overworked like Curvis in

the ring at too tender an age. These are our future hopes and they should be carefully nurtured.

NO DECISION ON BROADCAST London, Nov. 24.—No decision has yet been reached on the question of broadcasting the Bruce Woodcock-Lee Savold heavyweight contest at Harringay Arena, North London, on December 6.

Jack Solomons, promoter, is discussing the matter with Bill Daly, Savold's manager, and the British Broadcasting Corporation.

There will be a sound broadcast of the European middleweight eliminator between Dick Turpin, the British middleweight champion, and Tiberio Mitri of Italy from the Royal Albert Hall on November 20.—Reuter.

MAXIE WINS AGAIN Sacramento, Calif., Nov. 24.—Maxie Doucen 691 a decision over Benny Walker of Oakland, Calif., in a 10-round bout tonight. Both fighters weighed in at 134 pounds.—United Press.

SENT TO HOSPITAL Honolulu, Nov. 24.—Tough Frankie Fernandez of Honolulu sent Tommy Bell, negro battler from Youngstown, Ohio, to hospital with a possible concussion last night after knocking him out in the final round of a 10-round bout.

Bell sprawled on the floor after a flurry of blows from the Puerto Rican and had to be carried to his corner.

At Sacramento, California, Maxie Doucen, younger of the two fighting Filipino brothers from New Orleans, won a 10-round decision over Benny Walker last night.

The verdict was unanimous, although Doucen and the Californian stood toe to toe in the last round slugging it out.—Associated Press.

FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"I can't understand how a fellow who gets wonderful grades could be so dumb as to admire a girl of that type!"

LESSON HAND

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

It May Not Pay To Pull Trumps

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

THE beginner at contract has to learn many conventions, such as "second hand low," "always cover an honour with an honour," and so on. There is also an old expression which assures us that "many a man is walking the streets of London because he failed to lead trump." It is a good thing to bear all of these conventions in mind, but there should be no absolutely set rules in bridge any more than in any other sport. Even though there is a runner on first and nobody out, a team once in a while will cross the opponents up and line one out instead of bunting. In football, on the fourth down with fifteen yards to go, to punt is the proper thing; but many a game has been won because a smart team used a strategic play instead.

In today's hand there is a simple example in regard to leading

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♥ A 8 4 2					
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♣ 5 3					
J 4 2					
W	E	S			
♠ A 10 8 3					
♥ K Q 8 2					
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Lesson Hand—Neither vul.

South West North East

1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass

2♣ Pass 2♦ Pass

3NT Pass 4♠ Pass

Opening—♦ J

trump. North properly got into a

contract of four spades and East

made the normal opening of the

jack of diamonds, which declarer

won with the ace.

Now suppose that North followed

the rule about picking up trumps.

He would lead a spade, West would

win with the ace, return the jack

of clubs and declarer would lose two

club tricks. The average player

might not even notice this mistake,

because North still would make his

contract of four spades.

However, let us suppose that

North disregarded the rule to lead

trump. Instead, he cashed the queen

of hearts, led a small diamond to

dummy's king and on the ace and

king of hearts he threw away his

five and four of clubs. Then he led

the ten of spades, and when West

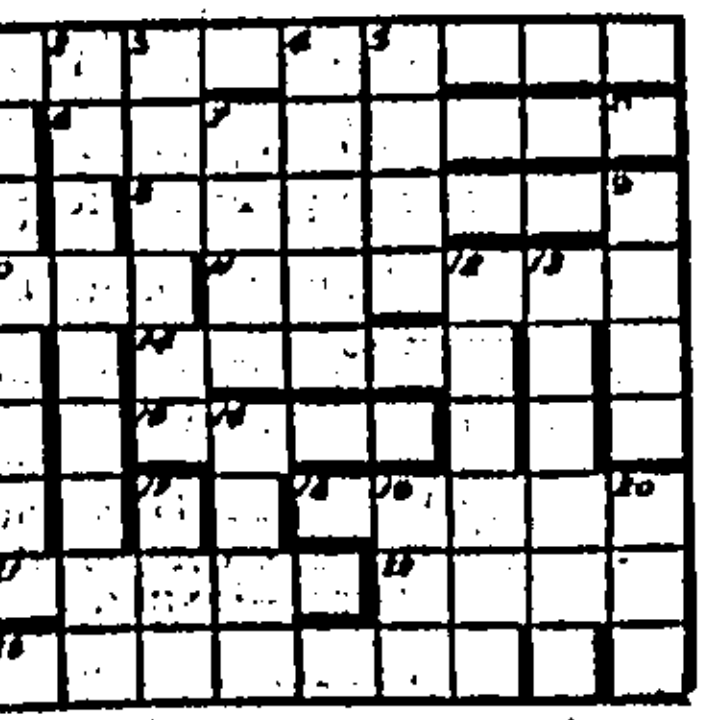
went in with the ace and led a club,

it was too late. North trumped,

picked up the rest of the trumps and

made six-odd.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

1. It will make every Capri husband

(4-5)

6. Have you met the A.R.A. tenor

(4-5)

9. Changing direction (7)

10. Female of a species (5)

11. Discount of a sort (5)

12. So run the ship (5)

DUMB BELLS

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IT'S A ROLL OF ORIGINAL DRAWINGS! TAKE THEM OUT THE GATE BUT WE GOT STRICT ORDERS NO BLUEPRINTS!

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YOUR BIRTHDAY..... BY STELLA

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

BORN today, you have tremendous independence of thought and action yourself, but are liable to be intolerant to those who cannot see your point of view. Be more lenient in this regard and you will progress faster.

There is a highly developed intuitive firm in your make-up and you are often guided to decisions by this almost mystic power. Take advantage of this gift, for few have it; fewer still, know how to use it.

Fitted by your talents and capabilities to be leader, you will make your best success when at the head of your own business. The

professions offer an excellent career and you may choose almost any field you wish to enter. Concentrate and specialise in some one and you will make your mark.

You women are fond of the pleasures of living and enjoy traveling. You are likely to make what is considered a "good marriage" but if you were to concentrate on some career, you very easily could reach the top and become one of those often envied "career-women."

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Conditions are better than they were yesterday, so make the most of them. Minor difficulties only!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Excellent for all business matters, especially those relating to the land and its products. Be progressive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Definitely a day for hesitation. Consolidate your assets and don't be tempted to expand.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Don't expect too much from this day. Postpone a journey if you can and use moderation in everything.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Those working in the steel industry might do well to guard against accidents due to carelessness. Good day for romance.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Domestic matters are favoured. A good time for a marriage, too. General conditions are fair.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—You may undertake something new as long as it does not call for overambitious spending of your reserves.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Be alert to opportunities for advancement on your present job or seek something new and better.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Best for you to avoid making any important change. Postpone a journey, too, if you can. Be conservative.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Concentrate on romance of domestic matters, since travel and business commitments are best avoided.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Make moderate advances along most fronts, but postpone any new undertaking until a more active day.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Normal activities are well and good but when it comes to making business expansion, think twice before acting.

RECORDED MUSIC:

FINE PERFORMANCE OF "SAMSON & DELILAH"

By DELOS SMITH

CAMILLE SAINT-SAENS, brilliant second-rater, wrote 12 operas and achieved immortality with only one. Columbia has issued a complete recording of that one, "Samson and Delilah," made by principals, chorus, and orchestra of the Paris Opera. (15 12-inch).

Hearing it well sung away from the hurly-burly of the opera house causes you to appreciate more than ever the grace and beauty of its long melodic lines, the undervalued upward drive of its drama, the correctness of its musical characterisation and its moulded compactness as a whole.

Helene Bouvier, a contralto of remarkable suppleness, endows Delilah with the irresistible voluptuousness that makes Samson's fate appear not only inevitable but highly desirable. Her vocal line, forces his voice occasionally to infuse it with the harsh virility befitting such an ox as Samson, but his ear always is available for Delilah's pinching fingers and it is all the role requires.

And the conducting of Louis Forestier, who last season conducted at the Metropolitan Opera, is of understatement, which imparts a very Gallic sophistication. All in all, it is an exceptional performance, and the recording is exceptional, too.

Wild and Weird

Another brilliant second-rater was Nicholas Rimsky-Korsakoff, and the new records throw up two no dissimilar samples of his glittering music, although separated in the time measure of his career by a couple of decades. One is the little known tone poem, "Sadko," an early work based upon a legend which he treated a second time in an opera; the other is the Scheherazade Suite, which some people protest is too well known. Excerpts from it are forever heard over the radio.

"Sadko" is capable of delivering a mild kick because of its wildness and weirdness, and because of a fine performance by the San Francisco Symphony under Pierre Monteux. (RCA Victor; 12-inch). There is nothing wrong with Scheherazade except, perhaps, you hear it so often. The new set is an excellent recording of a sound performance by Eugene Ormandy conducting the Philadelphia Orchestra. (Columbia; five 12-inch).

Display Piece

The newest Jascha Heifetz single is "Banjo and Fiddle," a highly entertaining display piece, and the easy-to-take garden scene from Erich Korngold's "Much Ado About Nothing" music. (RCA Victor).

Novelty rather than musical impact is the lay virtue of Paul Hindemith's experimental pieces for string orchestra and string quartet. "In the first position," although they have much value to students of the stringed instruments. Excerpts from the pieces have been well recorded by the Stuyvesant-Sinfonietta, Sylvia Shulman conducting. (Columbia; 12-inch single).

(Tomorrow—Unusual Angles)

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. Identical, paternal and Siamese.
2. Russian.
3. North Atlantic, South Atlantic, North Pacific, South Pacific, Indian, Arctic and Antarctic.
4. A plant having a bitter taste. Used as an aromatic tonic and in making absinthe and vermouth.
5. Waterless tableland in Cape Colony, S. Africa.
6. By boiling animal bones, membranes and tendons in water.

DAB and FLOUNDER—by Walter



FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

Unemployment Hits U.S. West Coast

San Francisco, Nov. 24.—Thanks apparently in a great measure to the maritime strike, it is getting difficult to find a job on the West Coast.

RUBBER PLUMMETS LOWER

New York, Nov. 24.—Standard rubber futures today closed 85 to 90 points lower on sales totalling 35 contracts.

No. 1 rubber futures closed 50 to 65 points lower on sales totalling 102 contracts.

The market today plummeted to new low levels, as the failure of London and Singapore to follow up our rise of Tuesday undermined the confidence of buyers following the technical rise, who jettisoned their recent purchases before tomorrow's holiday.

The physical market was generally half a cent lower, with moderate Dutch offerings, but the Far East was reported to be holding off.

Rubber on piers and in warehouses is commanding a good premium, but January material is available at a bid discount.

Dealers covered on the decline, but are waiting for their price ideas and are reluctant to increase their stocks prior to inventory taking.

Prices closed as follows:—Standard Contract Rubber:—

November	10.05 nominal
December	10.00 bid
January (1949)	10.00 nominal
February	10.00
March	10.05 bid
April	10.10 nominal
May	10.25
June	10.20
July	10.15
August	10.10
September	10.05
October	10.00
November	10.05
December	10.00
January (1950)	10.05

No. 1 Rubber contract:—

March	18.55 traded
April	18.47 nominal
May	18.40 traded
June	18.35 nominal
July	18.30 traded
August	18.25 bid
September	18.20 nominal
October	18.15
November	18.10
December	18.05
January (1950)	18.00

—United Press.

LONDON FUTURES

London, Nov. 24.—Prices in the rubber market here today closed as follows:—

January/February 1949 (in pence per 100 lb.)	11 1/2
April/June	10 1/2
July/September	10 1/4

—United Press.

HONGKONG SHARES

The turnover on the Stock Exchange this morning was \$224,015.

Transactions and noon prices follow:—

Star Ferry	134	136	100 @ 1	100 @ 1
C. Light (O) .		5.00		
Electric	35 1/2	36 1/2	200 @ 3	200 @ 3
			200 @ 3	200 @ 3
			300 @ 3	300 @ 3

SHANGHAI'S PRICE INCREASES CREATE NEW RACKETS

People Sell Their Own Rations

Shanghai, Nov. 25.—A surge of price increases following abolition of price controls has forced thousands of wage earners into one or the other of the city's numerous rackets.

An estimated 800,000 salaried workers have had their wages frozen on August 19. Other workers on a day-to-day basis were able to revise their scale of charges with each new boost in the cost of living. With prices today at least 10 times higher than on August 19, some salaried workers receive in buying power less than one-tenth of what they received three months ago.

The rackets range from out-and-out blackmarketing to merely selling on the open market merchandise rationed to them by the

With salaries in many cases now insufficient to furnish some workers with a single meal a day, many have turned to such rackets as "yellow" operations. This simply means queuing up early at shops or entertainment centres, buying up goods or tickets at "official" prices, and then selling such items to others unable to spare the hours of waiting required.

Other rackets include black market operations in foreign currencies which require much more shrewdness, a long list of connections, and a certain amount of capital.

TRANSFER OF GOODS

Another racket is the transferring of goods from one place to another. Practically all consumer goods have a much higher value in the countryside immediately outside Shanghai. Passengers out of Shanghai, carrying cigarettes, rubber shoes, raincoats and other items needed by the peasants, are able to make a living bartering them for rice, pork and other foodstuffs which, in turn, fetch a higher price inside the city. Simple though they may seem, these activities are frequently more profitable than a straight salary and many of Shanghai's working class have abandoned jobs and gone into this form of commuting.

The difference between this type of racketeering and big time operations is only in scope and capital involved—large operators smuggle foreign currency out of Shanghai to bring back whisky, cosmetics and other banned luxury goods, largely from Hongkong.

SELL RATIONS

Another type of racketeering which is not so much racketeering as taking advantage of the great discrepancy between official prices and prices on the open market, is the selling of goods legally rationed to employees by the companies they work for.

Oil companies, cigarette companies, mills and other producers and distributors ration a certain amount of their own stock of goods to their employees each month to offset rising prices. The employees, rather than use these items themselves, re-sell them on the open market.

Whatever form it may take, today there is a racket going on in practically every large concern in the city—even though it is only selling the paper from the waste-paper baskets, which often may net enough to pay the expenses of two or three cooles.—Associated Press.

GALLUP TO USE NEW TECHNIQUE

New York, Nov. 24.—Dr. George Gallup, Director of the American Institute of Public Opinion, said today that he would use "some new techniques" in his next poll on the American elections.

His purpose is to avoid a repetition of this year's mistake over the re-election of President Truman. Dr. Gallup said the new methods called for fuller information on voters who were not sure whether they would vote, or for whom they would vote. The innovations would also include the calling in of one Democrat and one Republican to present their views as to the meaning of the poll statistics.—Reuters.

Offer To Russian Emigrants

Shanghai, Nov. 25.—Six hundred and 20 Russian emigrants and other Stateless Europeans in China, who hold the necessary landing permits, have been officially notified of permission to resettle in Argentina, according to Chinese press reports today quoting International Refugee Organisation sources. These sources indicated that the Argentinian resettlement scheme remains by far the best hope for Stateless and displaced persons in Shanghai.—Reuters.

Still No Cabinet

Brussels, Nov. 24.—Belgium was still without a new Government to-night despite daylong efforts by M. Gaston Sykens, the Catholic Finance Minister in the old Cabinet, to form another Socialist-Catholic Coalition.

M. Sykens took on the job last night after the failure of M. Paul Henri Spaak, the outgoing Premier.—Reuters.

GIBRALTAR FLEET

Gibraltar, Nov. 24.—Eight British warships are expected in Gibraltar this week. They are the aircraft carrier *Illustrious*, the escort training ship and former cruiser *Devonshire*, the destroyer *Rapid*, *Scorpion*, *Battleaxe* and *Cacowbow* and the submarines *Tantivy* and *Torodo*.—Reuters.

Reads Riot Act



Sheriff Ralph J. Paul (holding book) reads the Ohio riot act to 30 strike pickets at the American Zinc Oxide Company plant, in Columbus, O., and orders them to disperse or be arrested for rioting. They refused to leave and Sheriff Paul announced later he would make no arrests unless the company got a court order limiting number of pickets.—AP Picture.

Bi-Centenary Of Famous Composer

London, Nov. 24.—Britain this week celebrates the bi-centenary of the composer of one of the best-loved hymns in the English-speaking world—Isaac Watts, author of "God Our Help in Ages Past."

In the two centuries since Watts' death, this and others of his hymns become more and more associated with great occasions of Thanksgiving and Remembrance.

Whether sung in humble village churches, or in great cathedrals, such as St Paul's and Westminster Abbey, these hymns reflect in simple verse a nation's thankfulness.

FAR REACHING INTERESTS

With the publication of Watts' "Hymns and Spiritual Songs" in 1707 the English people began to sing hymns regularly at their church meetings. This was considered an important factor in making services more cheerful and lightening religion during the 18th century, and thus paving the way for the great Methodist revival led by John and Charles Wesley.

Watts was a dissenting clergyman. Yet his interest spread beyond the confines of his own parish, or even his own country. In later life he knew leaders of the colony of New England. His home in London became the clearing house for American problems. He collected money for missionary work among the Indians; found doctors for Harvard and acted as Trustee for two of that university's important funds. He also helped in the choice of Harvard textbooks and professors.—Reuters.

GIVEN WRONG OPERATION

Akron, Ohio, Nov. 24.—A tonsillectomy patient and a gland patient were waiting to enter the operating room at a hospital here.

The orderly wheeled the gland patient into the wrong room and the surgeon promptly removed the patient's tonsils.

An embarrassed hospital official apologized, but blamed the doctor, nurse and orderly for the mix-up. Now the patient must wait until she recovers from the wrong operation before she can undergo the proper one for the removal of a cyst.

The hospital says there will be no charge for the wrong extraction.—United Press.

WELSHMEN TO HAVE MORE SAY

London, Nov. 24.—In order to meet Welsh complaints that Wales has not enough say in her own affairs, the British Government today proposed a Council for Wales and Monmouthshire. The Council will consist of representatives of Welsh local authorities, employers, workers, and other organisations.

It would now be up to the Council to see that the Government was adequately informed on the trends of Welsh opinion in the economic and cultural fields and on how departmental activities affected the lives of the Welsh people.—Reuters.

German Police Force Is Nucleus Of A Big New Soviet Army

Frankfurt, Nov. 24.—The menacing new "police force" which Russia is building in its zone of Germany may be just the beginning of a far bigger, tougher army. So says Walther Schreiber, major general in the German Army Medical Corps who was offered the post of surgeon general of the new army.

After three and a half years in Soviet captivity, Schreiber seized the police offer as an opportunity to get back to Germany. Then, accompanied by his family, he threw in his lot with the Americans.

Now in U.S. Army custody, he has revealed these things about what he calls "the last stage of rearmament in Eastern Germany."

1. It is not a police force at all, but a "red army."
2. It is armed with "tanks, artillery and other heavy weapons."
3. It will be doubled in size (now about 300,000) by early 1949 and will continue expansion thereafter.
4. Neither the Stalingrad field marshal, Friedrich von Paulus, nor Gen. Walter von Seydlitz, bosses of the Russian-organized Free Germany movement are connected with the new force in any way.

MILITARY EXPERTS

5. The army is being built around a core of German military experts who will be milked of their knowledge, then discarded.
6. The top man thus far appointed to the force is its chief of staff, Lieut-Gen. Vincenz Mueller, a "fanatical Communist."

The disclosures by the high-ranking refugee Schreiber are presumably accepted by the American command in Germany, which made him available for an official press conference.

Schreiber said that Col. Sergei Tuganov, the powerful Russian propaganda chief in Germany, and Kurt Fischer, interior minister of the Soviet zone, furnished him with the above information while trying to recruit him into the organization. Schreiber escaped shortly after refusing the job.

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CONFIDENCE VOTE FOR QUEUILLE

Comfortable Margin

Paris, Nov. 24.—The French National Assembly passed a vote of confidence in the Government of M. Henri Queuille today by 316 votes to 164.

The minimum vote required for an absolute majority in the Assembly is 311. The Deputies today took 65 minutes to record their votes on a Communist motion against which the Premier, M. Queuille, had asked to be taken as a vote of confidence. The vote of confidence in the Government was on the rejection of a Communist motion for a Parliamentary Commission to investigate the bank accounts of the Communist Party and the Socialist newspaper, *Le Populaire*.

The Assembly then began discussing a Gaullist motion asking for a Parliamentary Commission "with the fullest possible judicial powers" to investigate the resources and activities of the Communist Party.

COMMUNISTS DEFEATED

The Communists countered the Gaullist motion with an amendment calling for a Parliamentary enquiry into "funds distributed in Western Europe by Mr. Irving Brown, the European representative of the American Federation of Labour."

The Prime Minister asked the Assembly to reject both the Gaullist motion for an inquiry into the French Communist Party and the Communists' amendment, thereto.

This was a matter for the judicial authorities, he said. The Gaullist thereupon withdrew their motion and the Assembly voted on the Communist amendment as a substantive motion.

The Communist amendment was rejected by 370 votes against 180.

A motion expressing confidence in the Government "to defend the national patrimony within the framework of the law and the Republican order" was adopted by 351 votes against 215. It was officially announced by the Speaker at the end of the eight-day debate on the Government's handling of the coal strike.—Reuters.

Truck Exporters Heavily Fined

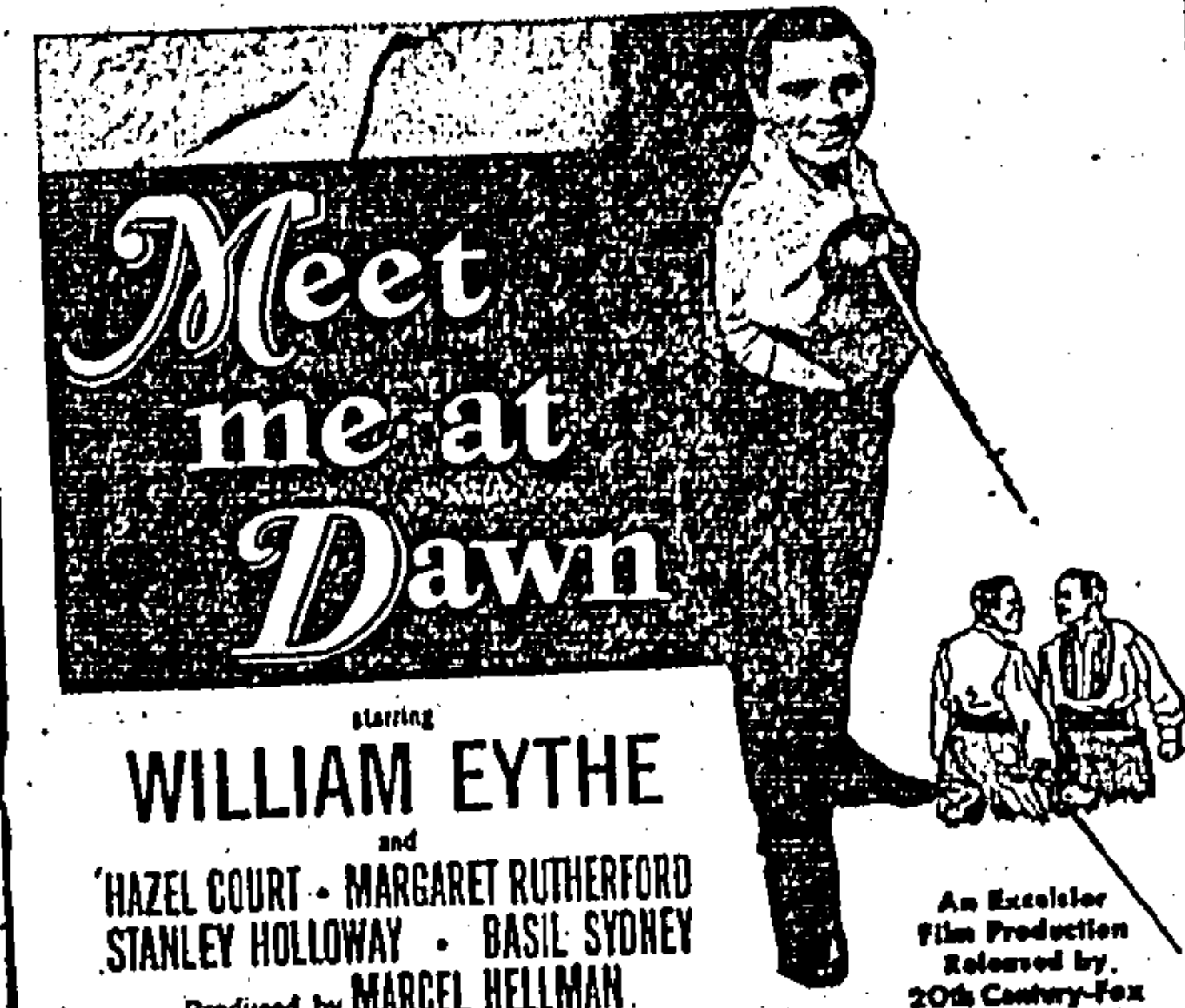
Cardiff, Nov. 24.—The results of a case at Cardiff in which it was alleged an attempt was made to ship 35 armoured transport trucks to Palestine were heard today.

All the defendants were found guilty of the charge of being the exporters of the vehicles.

The New York and Eastern Trading Company was fined £500. James Simmonds, the Managing Director, was fined £500 or twelve months' imprisonment. Cecil England £250 or nine months. Mrs. England £250 or nine months. Henry Epps £100 or six months and Richard Epps £50 or three months' imprisonment.

On behalf of Simmonds it was stated that he did not appear at the last hearing of the case "because of the realisation that he made certain mistakes in the evidence."—Reuters.

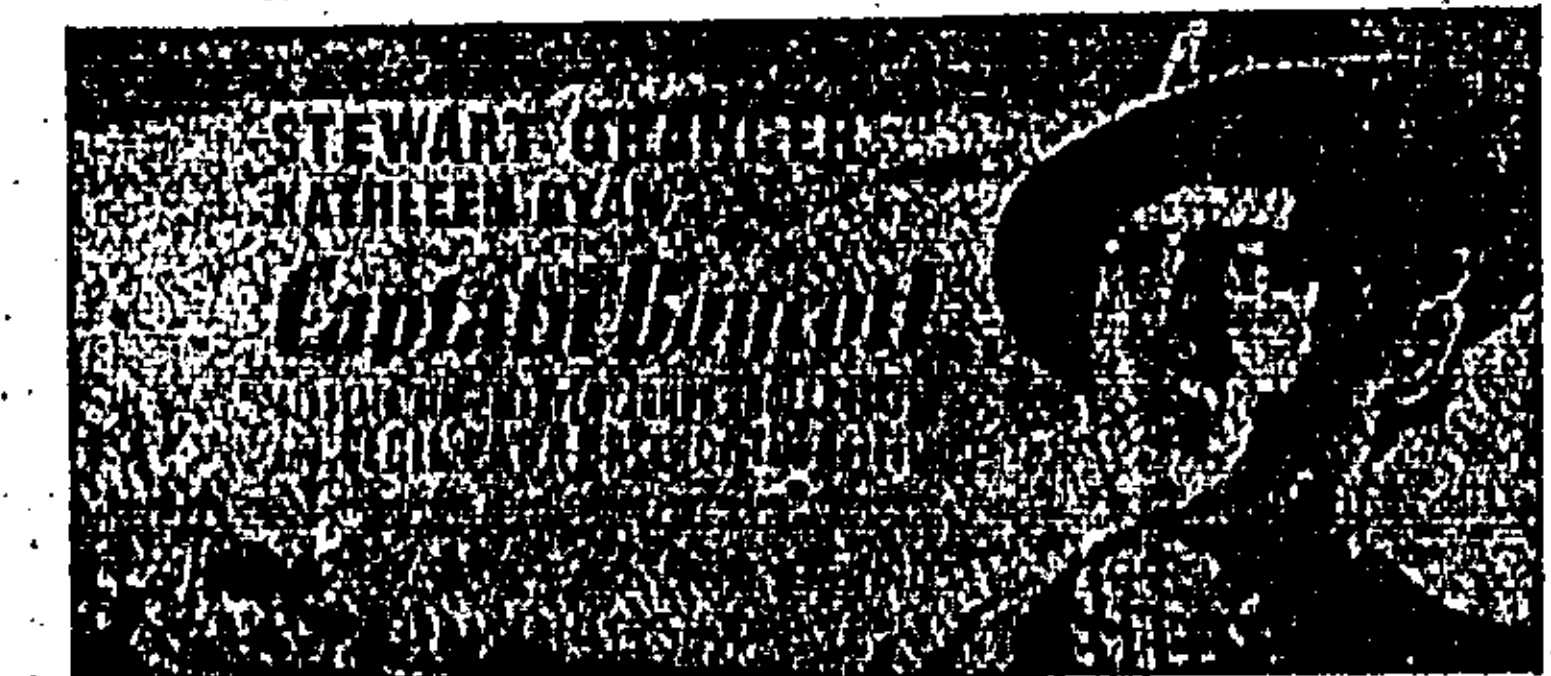
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